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EDUCATION

University of Florida (APA accredited), Ph.D Counseling Psychology, August 2011

Concentration: Sexuality, gender, and race

Dissertation: *The roles of cognitive flexibility, bicultural self-efficacy, and minority stress in the mental health of bisexual individuals.*

University of Utah (APA accredited), Pre-doctoral Clinical Internship, July 2010-2011

University of Florida, M.S. Psychology, May 2008

University of Florida, B.S. Psychology, December 2005

University of Florida, B.A. Criminology, December 2005

RESEARCH**INTERESTS**

- Mental health correlates of heterosexism, sexism, racism and other forms of discrimination
- Intersections of personal identities (e.g., gender, race, religion, sexual orientation)
- Social justice in the workplace
- Instrument development and evaluation

PUBLICATIONS

7. Brewster, M.E., Velez, B.L., DeBlaere, C., & Moradi, B. (in press). Transgender individuals' workplace experiences: The applicability of sexual minority measures and models. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*.
6. DeBlaere, C., Brewster, M.E., Bertsch, K., DeCarlo, A., Kegel, K., & Presseau, C. (in press). Perceived discrimination experiences and psychological distress among sexual minority women of color: The moderating role of collective action. *Sex Roles*.
5. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2010). Perceived anti-bisexual prejudice experiences: Scale development and evaluation. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 57, 451-468.
4. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2010). Personal, relational, and community aspects of bisexual identity in emerging, early, and middle adulthood. *Journal of Bisexuality*, 10, 1-25.
3. DeBlaere, C., Brewster, M.E., Sarkees, A., Moradi, B. (2010). Conducting research with LGB People of Color: Methodological challenges and strategies. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 38, 331-362.
2. Huang, Y. P., Brewster, M. E., Moradi, B., Goodman, M. B., Wiseman, M., & Mennicke, A. (2010). Content analysis of literature about LGB of Color: 1998-2007. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 38, 363-396.
1. Moradi, B., Wiseman, M., DeBlaere, C., Goodman, M., Sarkees, A., Brewster, M.E., & Huang, Y-P. (2010). LGB of Color and White individuals' perceptions of heterosexist stigma, internalized homophobia and outness: Comparisons of levels and links. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 38, 397-424.

MANUSCRIPTS**IN PREPARATION**

3. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. *The roles of cognitive flexibility, bicultural self-efficacy, and minority stress in the mental health of bisexual individuals.*
2. Brewster, M.E., Tebbe, E., Abrams, L. & Velez, B. *Workplace gender transitions: Consensual qualitative research examining complexities in experience for transgender employees.*

1. Moradi, B, Martin, A., & Brewster, M.E. *Evaluating a measure of feminist threat.*

PRESENTATIONS

17. Brewster, M.E., Tebbe, E., Abrams, L., & Velez, B. (2011, August). *Workplace gender transitions: Consensual qualitative research examining complexities in experience for transgender employees.* In L. Dickey (Chair), *Negotiating transphobia: Community, work, and mental health challenges.* Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
16. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2011, August). Minority stress, protective factors, and mental health in bisexual populations. In R. Fox (Chair), *Identity, minority stress, and psychological well-being in bisexual populations.* Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
15. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2011, January). Pathologized to postmodern: The evolution of bisexuality discourses within psychological scholarship. In T. Israel (Chair), *Bisexuality and beyond: Strengthening competencies regarding bisexual and fluid sexuality.* Symposium conducted at the biennial meeting of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA.
14. DeBlaere, C., & Brewster, M.E. (2011, January). Multiple discrimination experiences and psychological distress: The moderating role of collective action. In S. Gresham (Chair), *Risk and resiliency among LGBT people of color: Linking science and practice.* Symposium conducted at the biennial meeting of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA.
13. Brewster, M.E. (2010, October). *Exploring Bisexual Identity and Mental Health: Potential Factors of Risk and Resilience.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Utah University and College Counseling Centers Conference, Park City, UT.
12. Brewster, M.E., Velez, B.L., & Moradi, B. (2010, August). Transgender workplace issues: The applicability of sexual minority measures and models. In K. Balsam (Chair), *Minority stress among LGBT populations: New directions in research.* Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
11. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2010, August). Bisexual identity in emerging, early, and middle adulthood. In S. Dworkin (Chair), *Current research on bisexuality.* Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
10. Velez, B.L., Moradi, B., Tolaymat, L., Parent, M., Brewster, M.E., & Zhang, S. (2010, August). *Men's reference group identity: Links with collective self-esteem and social desirability.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
9. Brewster, M.E. & Moradi, B. (2008, August). Perceived anti-bisexual prejudice experiences: Scale development and evaluation. In R. Fox (Chair), *Current research on bisexuality: Identity, behavior, prejudice, and well-being.* Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
8. DeBlaere, C., Brewster, M.E., Sarkees, A., & Moradi, B. (2008, August). Methodological approaches for conducting research with LGBT persons of color. In B. Moradi & J. Mohr (Chairs), *Innovative research methodologies for advancing LGBT scholarship.* Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
7. Martin, A., Moradi, B., & Brewster, M.E. (2008, August). Evaluating a measure of feminist threat. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
6. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2007, August). *Perceived prejudice experiences of bisexual individuals: Scale Development and initial evaluation.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
5. DeBlaere, C., & Brewster, M.E. (2007, August). *A multicultural-feminist model of graduate training in intersections of diversities.* In B. Moradi (Chair) *Graduate training on intersections of diversities: model, strategies, and implementation.* Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

4. Huang, Y., Goodman, M., Brewster, M.E., Wiseman, M., Moradi, B., & Martin, A. (2007, August). *Content Review of Literature on LGBT People of Color: 1995-2005*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
3. DeBlaere, C., Sarkees, A., & Brewster, M.E. (2006, August). *Racial/Ethnic minority recruitment in LGB research: Strategies and successes*. In B. Moradi (Chair) *Practical issues in LGBT research*. Round table discussion conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
2. Moradi, B., DeBlaere, C., Wiseman, M., Goodman, M.B., Brewster, M.E., Huang, Y., Sarkees, A.M., & Garner, S.F. (2006, August). *Racial/Ethnic minority and non-minority LGB persons' perceptions of stigma, internalized homophobia and outness: Comparisons of levels and links*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
1. Selke, G., Bowers, D., Brewster, M.E., Williams, L., Qudrot, S., Beckwith, A., Hurley, L., & Fennell, E. (2005, February). *Affective modulation of the startle reflex in children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*. Presented at the International Neuropsychological Society Conference, St. Louis, MO.

FUNDING & HONORS

Research awards

- 2011 **Award for Distinguished Student Contribution**
Presented annually by the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (Division 44 of the American Psychological Association) to a graduate student in psychology who has made a distinguished contribution to research or practice, or who has performed exceptional service to the Division. Recipients of this award represent the future of this Division, and have taken leadership early in their careers to advance LGBT issues in psychology.
- 2011 **Outstanding Major Contribution Award**
Presented annually in recognition of the most outstanding Major Contribution published in *The Counseling Psychologist*
- 2011 **Barbara Kirk Award**
The Barbara A. Kirk Award is presented annually by the American Psychological Association Society of Counseling Psychology in recognition of outstanding student-initiated research
- 2011 **Outstanding Counseling Psychology Graduate Student Award**
University of Florida Psychology Department; conferred annually upon a doctoral student in counseling psychology for excellence in research and professional work
- 2010 **Outstanding Graduate Student Award**
American Psychological Association Society of Counseling Psychology Section for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues
- 2010 **Transgender Research Award Honorable Mention**
American Psychological Association Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues
- 2010 **Ted Landsman Award**
University of Florida Psychology Department; conferred annually upon a doctoral student in counseling psychology whose projects or initiatives promise to promote an understanding of, or contribution to, positive human growth
- 2009 **Rainbow Alliance Research Award**
University of Florida; conferred annually upon graduate students at UF for excellence in research on behalf of LGBT persons
- 2008 **Bisexual Foundation Grant**

American Psychological Association Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues; conferred annually upon an emerging scholar in bisexuality research

Travel awards

- 2011 University of Florida College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
University of Florida Department of Psychology
- 2010 American Psychological Association Science Directorate
University of Florida College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
University of Florida Department of Psychology
- 2008 American Psychological Association Science Directorate
University of Florida College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
University of Florida Department of Psychology
- 2007 University of Florida Department of Psychology
University of Florida College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, January 2011 – April 2011
Multicultural Issues
- Instructor, August 2010 – December 2010
Successful Career Planning
- Instructor and developer, January 2010 – May 2010
LGBT Issues in Psychology
- Instructor and developer, August 2009 – December 2009
LGBT Issues in Psychology
- Instructor, January 2009 – May 2009
Theories of Personality
- Instructor, August 2008 – December 2008
Theories of Personality
- Teaching Assistant, July 2008 – August 2008
Research Methods with Minority Graduate Students
Dr. Ken Rice
- Teaching Assistant, January 2008 – May 2008
Abnormal Psychology
Dr. Fredrick Desmond
- Teaching Assistant, August 2007 – December 2007
Personal Growth
Dr. Fredrick Desmond
- Teaching Assistant, July 2007 – August 2007
Abnormal Psychology
Dr. Andreas Keil
- Teaching Assistant, January 2007 – May 2007
Eating Disorders
Dr. Greg Neimeyer
- Teaching Assistant, August 2006 – December 2006
Research Methods in Psychology
Dr. Brian Howland
- Teaching Assistant, January 2006 – May 2006
Psychology of Women
Dr. Bonnie Moradi

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

University of Utah Counseling Center,
Pre-Doctoral Clinical Intern

August 2010 – August 2011

- **Activities and focus:** Supervise doctoral-level counselors, individual counseling, career counseling, crisis intervention, intakes, outreach presentations, couples counseling, therapy groups (LGBTQ, LBQQ women, and Graduate Student Women), teaching undergraduate coursework

Alachua County Health Department, Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center,
Advanced Practicum Counselor

April 2009 – July 2009, Supervisor: Linda Murray, LMHC

- **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with culturally diverse survivors of sexual assault and incest; end of life counseling; outreach and education about sexual assault awareness; clinical intakes; on-call for emergency room counseling for sexual assaults victims

Alachua County Health Department, Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center,
Advanced Practicum Counselor

August 2008 – April 2009, Supervisor: Linda Murray, LMHC

- **Activities and focus:** Individual therapy for people who have been victims of violent crime; co-facilitation of a support group for female survivors of sexual assault; co-facilitation of a support group for male survivors of sexual assault and incest; development of and recruitment for a support group for survivors of Anti-LGBT victimization and discrimination; extensive training regarding the criminal justice system and violent crimes; clinical intakes; clinical assessment of depression

University of Florida Counseling Center,
Advanced Practicum Counselor

May 2008 – August 2008, Supervisor: David Walden, M.A.

- **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with culturally diverse college student populations; couples counseling; process observation and co-facilitation of an LGBT empowerment group; clinical intakes

University of Florida Counseling Center,
Practicum Counselor

August 2007 – May 2008, Supervisors: Dr. Michael Murphy, Kara Harmon, M.A.

- **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with diverse college student populations; integration of artistic mediums into clinical work; grief counseling

Shands Hospital Arts in Healthcare Summer Intensive

Art therapy trainee

July 11, 2005 – July 29, 2005, Supervisors: Dr. Rusti Brandman and Jill Sonke-Henderson

- **Activities and focus:** Didactic training in art therapy techniques; collaboration with individual patients on art projects; active and empathetic listening; co-facilitation of art therapy groups for terminally ill children and adults.

Shands Hospital Arts in Medicine

Art therapy trainee

September 2004 – January 2005, Supervisor: Christine Sullivan

- **Activities and focus:** Work with individual patients to produce art projects; active and empathetic listening; co-facilitation of art therapy groups for terminally ill children and adults

McKnight Brain Institute Movement Disorders Clinic

December 2004 – March 2005, Supervisor: Sarah Munson

- **Activities and focus:** Conduct intakes with patients with Parkinson's Disorder and other movement impairments; schedule patients; run elderly participants in computerized reaction tasks.

PROFESSIONAL

AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA), Graduate Student Affiliate, 2005 to present

- APA Division 17: Society of Counseling Psychology, Member, 2006 to present
- APA Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women, Member, 2006 present
APA Division 35 Section 4: Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Issues, 2006 to present
- APA Division 44: Society for LGBT Issues, 2008 to present.

OUTREACH

& SERVICE

Graduate Student Women's Support Group, co-founder and co-facilitator

January 2011 – Present

- Duties: Developed the first support group for women in graduate school to discuss navigating power dynamics and oppression within their departments
Counseling Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Psychology of Women Quarterly Student Advisory Board Member

August 2009 – Present

- Duties: Review manuscript submissions for the journal *Psychology of Women Quarterly*

Pride Student Union (LGBT student group) Faculty Advisor

September 2008 – January 2009.

Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery & Education (CARE) Team

June 2008 – January 2009. Supervisor: Beth Ann Blue, PhD

- Duties: Disseminate information about sexual assault awareness through tabling, events, and speakers.

Student Mental Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611

Diversity Awareness and Affirmation Committee (DAAC)

August 206 – present

- Duties: Raise awareness about diversity-related issues through panel presentations, research symposiums, and informational bulletin boards.

Counseling Psychology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611

APA Division 17, Member Resources Committee, 2007 – 2009