

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2018 (anticipated) *Doctor of Philosophy, Social Psychology & Health*
Minor: Quantitative Methods
University of Houston, Houston, TX
- 2013 *Master of Arts, Psychology*
University of Houston, Houston, TX
- 2007 *Bachelor of Science, Psychology*
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Master's Thesis:

Exploring the construct validity of two IRT-derived scales of the PAI-A.
University of Houston. Chair: Dr. Lynne Steinberg

Doctoral Dissertation:

The Abstinence Violation Effect in Eating Disorders: A Daily Diary Study Investigating Lapse and Relapse.
University of Houston. Co-Chairs: Dr. Lynne Steinberg; Dr. Clayton Neighbors

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Vanwoerden, S., Steinberg, L., **Coffman, A. D.**, Paulus, D. J., Morey, L. C., Sharp, C. (in press). Evaluation of the PAI-A Anxiety and Depression scales: Evidence of construct validity. *Journal of Personality Assessment*. doi: [10.1080/00223891.2017.1347569](https://doi.org/10.1080/00223891.2017.1347569)
- Øverup, C. S., McLean, E. A., Brunson, J. A., & **Coffman, A. D.** (2017). Belonging, burdensomeness, and self-compassion as mediators of the association between attachment and depression. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology, 36*(8), 675-703. doi: [10.1521/jscp.2017.36.8.675](https://doi.org/10.1521/jscp.2017.36.8.675)
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, November). *Freedom is not free*. Plenary address to patients and their families at Laureate Psychiatric Hospital's Eating Disorders Program Family Week, Tulsa, OK.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, November). Speaker for the National Eating Disorders Association's (NEDA) Houston Walk, Houston, TX.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, September 11). A mental health emergency plan for when disaster strikes. *The Mighty*. Available at <https://themighty.com/2017/09/hurricane-harvey-mental-health-emergency-plan/>

- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, August 23). Why the ER is dangerous for patients with eating disorders. *The Mighty*. Available at <https://themighty.com/2017/08/why-the-er-can-be-dangerous-for-patients-with-eating-disorders/>
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, June 21). Here's why it's dangerous to send patients with eating disorders to the emergency room: From an eating disorders researcher who nearly died from malnutrition. *ACUTE Center for Eating Disorders*. Available at <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/heres-why-its-dangerous-send-patients-eating-room-eating-disorders-/> and <http://www.denverhealth.org/medical-services/acute-center-for-eating-disorders/about-acute/eating-disorder-stories/eating-disorder-testimonials/heree28099s-why-ite28099s-dangerous-to-send-patients-with-eating-disorders-to-the-emergency-room-47137>
- Coffman, A. D.** & Nguyen, T. (2017, June). *Resilience*. Workshop presented at the Houston Asian American & Pacific Islander Film Festival, Houston, TX.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, May). Youth Forum leader at Lớn Dường Leadership Camp (Vietnamese), Wimberly, TX.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, May). Career Panel member at Lớn Dường Leadership Camp (Vietnamese), Wimberly, TX.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2017, May). *Yeah, It Makes Me Stronger: Finding Resilience In Our Fear and Uncertainty*. Presentation at the Contemporary Relationships Conference, Houston, TX.
- Aiello, C. M., Pfeifer, E. E., Ford, S. L., Brunson, J. A., & **Coffman, A. D.** (2017, March). *This marriage is making me crazy! How integrating marriage relates to wellbeing*. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- Ford, S. L., Aiello, C. M., Pfeifer, E. E., Brunson, J. A., & **Coffman, A. D.** (2017, March). *Moving on from a relationship: How implicit relationship awareness can affect adjustment post-breakup*. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- Coffman, A. D.** (2016, October 27). "Are you pregnant?" Three quick ways to prepare for the recovery question you hope you are never asked. *Recovery Warriors*. Available at <https://www.recoverywarriors.com/pregnant-three-quick-ways-prepare-recovery-question-hope-never-asked/>
- McLean, E., Øverup, C. S., Brunson, J. A., & **Coffman, A. D.** (2016, March). *Not easing up: Depression as a function of attachment and self-compassion*. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
- Steers, M.-L. N., **Coffman, A. D.**, Wickham, R. E., Bryan, J. L., Caraway, L. & Neighbors, C. (2016). Evaluation of alcohol-related personalized normative feedback with and without an injunctive message. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 77(2), 337–342. doi: [10.15288/jsad.2016.77.337](https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.2016.77.337)
- Coffman, A. D.** (2015, October). *Is eating disorder recovery really "worth it"? Freedom is not free*. Plenary address to patients and their families at Laureate Psychiatric Hospital's Eating Disorders Program Family Week, Tulsa, OK.

Coffman, A. D. (2015, May). *Eating disorder recovery: Question and answer session*. Houston Eating Disorders Center [now the Eating Recovery Center of Houston], Houston, TX.

Coffman, A. D. (2015, May). *Am I worthy of your love? Feeling worthy of love in LGBTQ relationships*. Half-day workshop presented at the Contemporary Relationships Conference, Austin, TX.

Coffman, A. D., Steers, M.-L. N., Bryan, J. L., Caraway, L., Grochett, C., & Neighbors, C. (2014, November). *Making the grade? The moderating effect of contingencies of self-worth – academic competence on collectivist orientation and satisfaction with life*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Coffman, A. D., Øverup, C. S., Brunson, J. A., & Acitelli, L. K. (2014, March). *Feelings of Love Worthiness Inventory: Scale development using item response theory*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Arlington, VA.

Coffman, A. D., Øverup, C. S., Brunson, J. A., & Acitelli, L. K. (2014, February). *It is not what you look at, but what you see: How negative meaning-making relates to perceived parenting style and feeling worthy of love*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual meeting, Austin, TX.

Coffman, A. D., Steers, M.-L. N., Bryan, J. L., Neighbors, C. (2013, November). *For the love of God: Contingencies of self-worth - God's love as a mediator of the association between social desirability and drinking*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies annual meeting, Nashville, TN.

DiBello, A.M., Rodriguez, L., Gonzales, R., Øverup, C. S., **Coffman, A. D.**, Preddy, T. M., Neighbors, C., (2013, November). *Everybody's doing it...or are they? Social norms, sexual behavior, and college students*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies annual meeting, Nashville, TN.

Coffman, A. D., Steinberg, L., Sharp, C., Morey, L.C. (2013, March). *PAI-A Anxiety and Depression: IRT-derived scales and their construct validity*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Diego, CA.

Coste, T. G., Neethling, H., & **Coffman, A. D.** (2007, March). *Creativity across cultures: A research perspective*. Paper presented at the International Conference of the American Creativity Association, Austin, TX.

Coffman, A. D. & Dennis, M. E. (2007, January). *Performance in State of Texas Alcohol Awareness classes for minors*. Poster presented at the Texas A&M Educational Research Exchange, College Station, TX.

Media Exposure:

Featured on Houston KPFT 90.1 FM Queer Voices Radio with Jeff Lutes, LPC (2017, April 24). By Andrew Edmonson. Available at: <http://kpft.org/programming/newstalk/queer-voices/>

Featured on Houston FOX 26 evening news (2015, May 6). *Eating disorder survivor hopes to help others fighting for their lives*. By Ashley Johnson. Available with thanks to FOX 26 Houston at: <https://youtu.be/uYZ4nq6AzPY>

EDITORIAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Advisory Board: Q Marriage Mentors (2017 – present)

Planning & Oversight Committee: Houston National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) Walk (2017)

Program Committee: Contemporary Relationships Conference (2016 – present)

Ad-hoc Reviewer: Assessment (2015 – 2017)

Executive Board: Open Gate Homeless Ministries (2014 – 2016)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May 2011 - August 2011

Dr. Tara Devine, Monarch Institute for Neurological Differences, Houston, Texas

Summer Intern

Worked with elementary through high school students with neurological differences, many with severe autism spectrum disorders. I lead activities for an entire class, worked in small groups with students to complete activities, and worked individually with struggling students.

September 2006 - March 2007

Dr. Maurice Dennis, Director of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Education Studies, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Texas A&M University

Secretary to Dr. Maurice Dennis

Receptionist for Minor in Possession (MIP) Program

I evaluated knowledge pre- and post-tests for MIP classes, scored alcohol abuse screening instruments, and collaborated to revise the Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program (DADAP) manual and class materials.

May 2004 - December 2005

Dr. Les Morey, Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University

Student Research Assistant

I was the primary undergraduate research assistant for the adolescent version of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI-A; Morey, 2007). I entered data from online and paper response forms into SPSS software, coded clinician responses according to DSM-IV-TR diagnoses, and researched the prevalence of specific psychiatric disorders in adolescent demographics. I was instructed in and performed basic statistical analyses using SPSS syntax, and was introduced to classical test theory psychometric concepts.

QUANTITATIVE TRAINING

University of Houston

2014 Structural Equation Modeling

2013 Multilevel Modeling

2013 Robust Statistics

2012 Applied Multivariate and Advanced Univariate Methods
2012 Applied Psychological Measurement/Item Response Theory
2012 Experimental Design
2011 Introduction to Psychological Statistics

Texas A&M University Workshops

2011 Structural Equation Modeling
2009 Item Response Theory

TEACHING

Teaching Fellowships (as instructor of record):

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Psychology of Personality (PSYC3325)
2013 – 2016 (13 sections)

Introduction to Statistics in Psychological Research (PSYC3301)
2013 – 2014 (4 sections)

Teaching Assistantships:

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Introduction to Methods in Psychology (PSYC2301)
2013 (2 sections)

Introduction to Statistics in Psychological Research (PSYC3301)
2010 – 2012 (14 sections)

Abnormal Psychology (PSYC4321)
2012 (2 sections)

Psychology of Personality (PSYC3325)
2011 (2 sections)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate
Academy for Eating Disorders, Student Affiliate
International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals (iaedp), Student Affiliate
Society for Personality Assessment, Student Affiliate
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (APA Division 8), Student Affiliate
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Student Affiliate
APA Division 5: Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics, Student Affiliate
American Creativity Association, Student Affiliate
Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences