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EDUCATION:

The University of Utah
M.A. in Psychology

Salt Lake City, UT
(To be completed May, 2025)

University of California, Merced
B.A. in Psychology

Merced, CA
May, 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Independent Project: Sexual Education and the LGBT+ Community: The Impact of Information Sources on Sexual Outcomes

Lead Researcher

Merced, CA
Oct. 2020-May, 2022

- Assessed relevant literature to identify a gap in the research
- Designed and implemented a research proposal
- Conducted a mixed-method study within a marginalized population
- This work is important since it identified the internet and other non-traditional sources as important resources for LGBT+ individuals' sexual health information

Follow-Up Study: Sexual Education and the LGBT+ Community: LGBT+ Individuals and Sexual Health Information Online - An Observational Study

Merced, CA

Lead Researcher

Aug. 2021-May 2022

- Identified a suitable follow-up study from the previous study
- Designed and implemented a research proposal
- Conducted an observational study within a marginalized population
- This work is important since it identifies how LGBT+ individuals are using the internet to look for sexual health information

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Burton, R., & Avilla, D. (2021). Sexual Education and the LGBT+ Community: The Impact of Information Sources on Sexual Outcomes. *UC Merced Undergraduate Research Journal*, 13(2). <http://dx.doi.org/10.5070/M413255540>

O'Brien, A. G., Meese, W. B., Taber, J. M., Johnson, A. E., Hinojosa, B. M., **Burton, R.**, Ranjan, S., Rodarte, E. D., Coward, C., & Howell, J. L. (2024). Why do people avoid health risk information? A qualitative analysis [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Book Chapters

Diamond, L. M., Villiacana, A., & **Burton, R.** (in press). The development of diversity in gender/sexual identity and expression. In M. H. Bornstein and M. Lamb (Eds.), *Developmental Science*, 8th Edition. New York: Taylor and Francis.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Burton, R. "The potential of AI as a tool for sex education". To be presented at the 50th International Academy of Sex Research, 22nd-25th July 2024, Berlin, Germany. Poster Presentation

Burton, R. & Avilla, R. D. Sexual Education and the LGBT+ Community: The Impact of Information Sources on Sexual Outcomes Presented at 102nd Western Psychological Association Conference, 27th April - 1st May 2022 and the at the Association for Psychological Science, 2022

Suorsa-Johnson, K. I., Britt, A., Crissler, M., Beeston, T., **Burton, R.**, Sandberg, D. E., Fagerlin, A. "There Was So Much Shame and Embarrassment Wrapped Up in My Decision Making!: The Experience of Making Decisions for Adolescents and Young Adults with Differences of Sex Development." Presented at the 11th International-Disorder of Sex Development Symposium, 26th -28th June 2024, Stockholm, Sweden. Oral Presentation

PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE:

Kinkology: The Mainstreaming of Kink and Why it is Important for Psychologists - Developmental Brownbag Seminar

Presenter

Dec. 2023

- Developed a 45-minute presentation on the importance of understanding the Kink Community
- Presented in a university class setting.

Kinkology: Your Guide to Kink - Diamond Lab

Guest Presenter

Mar. 2024

- Developed a 60-minute presentation on understanding the nuances of the kink community to a group of undergraduates.
 - Stressed the importance of creating open dialogue on topics that may make some uncomfortable.

- Embraced inclusivity and curiosity

The Hidden Participants: A Quick Guide on How to Recruit from “Hard-to-Reach” Populations and Applying this to research on Kink - Psychological Research

Methods Class

Guest Lecturer

Apr. 2024

- Developed a 60-minute lecture on the Best Practices for recruiting and sustaining relationships with marginalized communities, then applied those best practices to the Kink/BDSM community.
- Presented in a university class setting.

Writing Studies Showcase

Presenter

Dec. 2021

- Developed a work of fiction and read it to attendees of the showcase
 - Edited piece of fiction so that it fit within the 5-minute allowed presenting time

HONORS/AWARDS:

- 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Finalist (Spring 2024)
- Dean’s Honor List (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Chancellor’s Honor List (Spring 2019)

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Mercy Medical Center

Merced, CA

In-Patient Intern

Fall 2019

- Helped nurses take care of patients
 - Gathered items that the nurse and/or patient requested
 - Spent time with patients who needed company
 - Assisted with the outpatient process

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

UC Merced Advising Community – Psychology Student and Faculty Talk

Presenter

Sep. 2021

- Talked about the psychology program at UC Merced
 - Tools to be academically successful at UC Merced
 - How to balance social and academic life
 - Tips to get into research at the university

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Rethinking Sexual Addiction – Out of Control Sexual Behavior (OCSB) Assessment and Treatment Virtual Conference

Attendee

Nov. 2021

- Learn about various topics regarding sex addiction
 - Review sexual dysregulation and conceptualizations
 - Learn the OCSB Model developed by Michael A. Vigorito
 - Learn various scales used in assessing and treating sex addiction

- Participate in a group screening

Kink for Helping Professional Sexceptional Weekend - Virtual Conference

Attendee

Feb. 2023

- Learned about various topics regarding Kink/BDSM including:
 - Kink & Spirituality - Lee Harrington
 - Kink & Trauma - Dr. Ruth Neustifter
 - Kink & neurodiversity - John pendal
 - Media Literacy & Marketing to Kinky Folk - Sunny Megatron

Sexual Health Alliance (SHA) – Sex Educator Training

Student

Aug. 2021-present

- Learn core knowledge of sexual education (full list provided by AASECT)
 - Developmental sexuality
 - Sexual orientation-related issues
 - Intimacy skills
 - Diversity in sexual expression
 - Sexual and reproductive anatomy

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

The Social and Health Psychology Applied Behavioral Research for Prevention and Promotion Lab (SHARPP)

Merced, CA

Research Assistant

Nov. 2020-May 2022

- Assist graduate students with their research projects
 - Quality assessment on research articles
 - Data Extraction

Merced Experimental Social and Health (MESH) Psychology Lab

Merced, CA

Research Assistant

Jan. 2021-May 2022

- Assist graduate students and professors with their research projects
 - Conduct Interviews
 - Participate in pilot studies
 - Help with Qualtrics study preparation
 - Assist with development of website for lab/study

Undergraduate Research Journal, UC Merced

Merced, CA

Managing Editor

Jan 2022-May 2022

- Served as Managing Editor for Volume 14 of the Undergraduate Research Journal
 - Made weekly meeting agenda
 - Organized tasks for team
 - Created rejection and acceptance emails to authors
 - Helped with the review process

- Reviewed submitted manuscripts

CSBS Student Research Day

Judge

February 2023

- Evaluated undergraduate student posters
- Provided feedback and ranked posters in various categories
- Collaborated with other judges

Translational Issues in Psychological Science

Editor - (Special Edition)

January - May 2024

- Collaborated with other editors
- Wrote rejection/acceptance letters
- Summarized and provided feedback to the authors

Reviewer

May 2024

- Reviewed article for a journal
- Submitted extensive feedback with pros and cons to the editor

SKILLS:

Computer: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Google Products (Docs, Slides, Sheets, Forms), Zoom and Skype Proficiency

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (Biliterate - received California state seal of biliteracy)

In-Progress Certification: American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) – Sex Educator Certification; Sexual Health Alliance (SHA) – Sex Educator Certification