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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University – Pittsburgh, PA
Doctoral Student in Social/Health Psychology August 2026 – Current

Carnegie Mellon University – Pittsburgh, PA
Master of Science in Social/Health Psychology August 2024 – August 2026

The Pennsylvania State University – State College, PA
Bachelor of Science in Psychology August 2018 – May 2022
GPA**:** 3.82

Victoria University of Wellington – Wellington, New Zealand
Semester Abroad Spring 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University – Pittsburgh, PA

Stigma, Health, Equity, and Resilience Lab
Graduate Research Assistant, Mentor: Dr. Michael Trujillo 2024 – Present

National Institutes of Health – Bethesda, MD

Health Communication & Behavior Lab; Immersive Simulation Program
Full-Time Research Trainee (IRTA), Mentor: Dr. Susan Persky 2022 –2024

The Pennsylvania State University – State College, PA

Mechanisms of Emotion, Stress, & Health Lab
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Graham-Engeland 2020 –2022

Culture, Health, & Emotion Lab
Volunteer Research Assistant, Mentor: Dr. José Soto 2021 –2022

PUBLICATIONS

Foor, K., Trujillo, M. A. Outness, Relationship Satisfaction, and Perceived Health Among Sexual Minority Adults in Same- and Different-Gender Relationships. (*Under review at Stigma & Health*).

Foor, K., Trujillo, M. A. Examining Mechanisms of Intergroup Contact and Prejudice Toward Transgender People: A Descriptive Study. (*Under review at Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*).

Ramirez Renta, G. M., Little, I. D., Koehly, L. M., Hilliard, A. J., **Foor, K. L.**, Butts, J., Lundeen, J., Gunter, C. (2026). Interaction of identity and beliefs with genetic literacy, *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, , *113*(1), 16–28. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2025.11.014.

Persky, S., Chen, J., **Foor, K.**, Peterson, C., Fortney, C. (2024). Using stereotype violation to shift causal understanding and attitudes about weight, *Eating Behavior*, *55*, e101930.

Foor, K., Ravuri, S., Persky, S. (2024). How Shared versus Unshared Parental Contribution to Child Risk Influences Guilt Responses. *Health Psychology,* 13591053241233336.

Chen, J., Martingano, A. J., Ravuri, S., **Foor, K.**, Fortney, C., Carnell, S., Batheja, S., Persky, S. (2024). Teaching Gene-Environment Interaction Concepts with Narrative Vignettes: Effects on Knowledge, Stigma, and Behavior Motivation. *Plos One*, *19*(5), e0300452.

Robles, P. L., Zawadzki, M. J., Graham-Engeland, J. E., Witzel, D. D., **Foor, K.,** & Brondolo, E. (2025). Intersection of age and gender: Links between negative interpersonal interactions and both blood pressure and mood in daily life. *Health Psychology*, 44(5), 456–466. https://doi.org/10.1037/hea0001435

Sugden, N., Barna, L. S., **Foor, K.**, Kee, J., & Gunter, C. (2025). Autism ableism seen through research abstract contents: A mixed-methods analysis of language in NIH-funded genetic and genomic autism research. *Autism: the international journal of research and practice*, 13623613251365979.

Harrington, E., Gamaldo, A., Sliwinski, M., Hakun, J., Buxton, O., Katz, M., Derby, C., **Foor, K**., Engeland, C., & Graham-Engeland, J. E. Characteristics of discrimination and ambulatory cognitive performance among older Black and White adults. *Curr Psychol* 44, 4268–4281 (2025). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-024-07266-w

Foor, K. Climate Change Mitigation and Indigenous Communities, 2021. Communities in Crisis: Student Voices on Climate Change, edited by Timothy Bralower, April Millet and Halina Dingo, Pressbooks, https://psu.pb.unizin.org/communitiesincrisis/.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Foor, K., Trujillo, M. A. (2027, February). Transparency: Exploring Mechanisms of Intergroup Contact and Transprejudice. Single presenter talk accepted to present at the 2027 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference; Philadelphia, PA.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2024, April). *Disparities in Weight Bias Internalization, Body Dissatisfaction, and Disordered Eating Among LGBTQ+ Individuals*. Invited talk presented at the NIH Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office Scientific Webinar Series; Virtual.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2024, February). *Internalized Weight Bias and Body Dissatisfaction Among LGBTQ+ Individuals*. Flash Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Pre-Conference Session: Advancing LGBTIQ+ Research Across the Globe; Virtual.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, September). *Exploring the Role of SGM-Status in Weight Bias Internalization and Maladaptive Eating*. Flash Talk presented at the 2023 NIH Research Festival; Bethesda, MD.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, May). *Developing an Educational VR Intervention to Reduce Weight Bias: Exploring the Role of Empathy*. Flash Talk presented at the Health is Social: Leveraging the Metaverse to Improve Public Health Conference; Virtual.

Foor, K., Chen, J., Martingano, A. J., Ravuri, S., Fortney, C., Persky, S. (2023, May). *Development and Evaluation of Materials for a Virtual Reality-Based Gene-Environment Interaction Educational Simulation*. Flash Talk presented at Quadrennial Review Site Visit for National Human Genome Research Institute; Virtual.

Foor, K., Ravuri, S., Persky, S. (2023, May). *Perceptions of Shared Responsibility for Child Obesity Risk Increase Feelings of Guilt.* Flash Talk presented at the NHGRI Three Minute Talks Retreat; Bethesda, MD.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, February). *Development of an Education-Based Stigma Mitigation Intervention using VR*. Flash Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Pre-Conference Session: Beyond Academia; Virtual.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Foor, K., Trujillo, M. (2026, August). *Outness, Relationship Satisfaction, and Perceived Health Among Sexual Minority Adults in Same- Versus Different-Gender Relationships*. Poster presented at the 2026 National LGBTQ Health Conference; Chicago, IL.

Foor, K., Trujillo, M. (2026, February). *Social Rejection, Social Support, and Cognition Among LGBTQ+ Young Adults*. Poster presented at the 2026 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference; Chicago, IL.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2024, March). *Use of Race in Medicine and Genetic Causal Attributions for a Black versus White Virtual Patient*. Poster presented at the 2024 Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, PA.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, November). *Investigating Weight Bias Internalization and Maladaptive Eating Behaviors Among Sexual and Gender Minorities*. Poster presented at the 2023 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists; Phoenix, AZ.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, November). *Differences in Internalized Weight Bias by Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*. Poster presented at the NHGRI Symposium; Bethesda, MD.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, August). *Gender and Sexual Orientation Predict Differences in Anti-Fat Attitudes*. Poster presented at the 2023 American Psychological Association Annual Meeting; Washington, D.C.

Foor, K., Persky, S. (2023, April). *Exploring the Role of Sexual and Gender Minority Status in the Expression of Weight Bias.* Poster presented at NIH Postbac Poster Day; Bethesda, MD.

Foor, K., Hollister, B., Bonham, V., Persky, S. (2022, November). *Genetics Knowledge, Use of Race in Medicine, and Genetic Causal Attributions for Patient Weight.* Poster presented at the NHGRI Symposium; Bethesda, MD.

Foor, K., Graham-Engeland, J. (2022, April). *Disparities by Race and Ethnicity in Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms, and the Role of Stressors Related to Education*. Poster presented at the Penn State Undergraduate Research Exhibition; State College, PA.

Foor, K., Graham-Engeland, J. (2022, April). *Disparities by Race and Ethnicity in Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms, and the Role of Stressors Related to Education*. Poster presented at the Penn State Psi Chi Research Conference; State College, PA.

Foor, K., Graham-Engeland, J. (2021, November). *Disparities by Race and Ethnicity in Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms, and the Role of Stressors Related to Education*. Poster presented at the Penn State Student Engagement Expo; State College, PA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Institutes of Health – Office of Intramural Training Education
The Academy on Health Disparities 2022-2023

- Attended and participated in lectures, workshops, talks, and action panel sessions on the root causes of health disparities, as well as how to leverage academic efforts to increase equity
- Worked with colleagues to create an informational video on health disparities in the LGBTQ+ community

National Institutes of Health – Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences
Introduction to Data Science Course Spring 2023

- Engaged with graduate-level course material to develop proficiency with using Python programming language for statistical analysis

HONORS AND AWARDS

Scholarly Project Funding Award – CMU Graduate Student Assembly & Provost's Office 2026
Graduate Registration Stipend Award – Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2025
Distinguished Poster Award – NHGRI Symposium 2023
ABRCMS Conference Funding Travel Award – NIH Office of Intramural Training 2023
Penn State Graduate with Honors, Cum Laude 2022
2nd Place Poster Presentation – Penn State Undergraduate Exhibition 2022
Erickson Discovery Grant – Penn State Research Fellowships and Mentoring 2021
Wernstedt Scholarship – Penn State College of Liberal Arts 2021
Kraft Wilson Undergraduate Scholarship – Penn State College of Liberal Arts 2021
Ruth G. Botdorf Scholarship in Chemistry – Penn State Berks 2019

TEACHING

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Assistanceships

85-105: Hack Your Life – Carnegie Mellon University Fall 2025
- Graded assignments
- Held office hours and met with students about course material
- Gave a guest lecture on community engagement and mental wellbeing

85-170: Foundations of Brain and Behavior – Carnegie Mellon University Spring 2026
- Created and graded assignments
- Held office hours and met with students about course material
- Managed undergraduate TAs
- Gave a guest lecture on social neuroscience
- Led brain and eyeball dissection labs

Summer Academy for Math & Science – Carnegie Mellon University Summer 2026
- Led recitation sessions
- Created and graded assignments
- Held office hours and met with students about course material

SERVICE

Carnegie Mellon University – Graduate Student Assembly
Parent and Family Advocate Fall 2026

OTHER INFORMATION

Professional Affiliations
Psi Chi – The International Honor Society in Psychology Distinguished Member
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Member