

Jennifer Mary Willett

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
B.A. with Honors, Psychology and English, May 2006
GPA 3.627; Psychology 3.820; English 3.670

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology (in progress)
Commenced August 2007
Research Focus: Coping and resilience in romantic relationships

AWARDS/ HONORS

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill:

Graduated with Honors and Distinction
Psychology Honors Thesis Program
Dean's list six semesters
Psi Chi National Honors Psychology Fraternity
Golden Key International Honour Society

University of Tennessee, Knoxville:

Recipient of 2008 Summer SARIF GRA Internship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CanThrive Study Coordinator

April 2006-July 2007

Department of Psychiatry Duke University Medical Center
Principal Investigators: Don Baucom, Ph.D. and Laura Porter, Ph.D.

- Managed the Duke recruitment site of the CanThrive research study (www.canthrive.org) of marital support for couples dealing with breast cancer
 - Recruited couples at breast clinics within the Duke University Health System
 - Performed initial assessments with couples, consisting of administering self-report questionnaires, managing and videotaping couple interactions, teaching couples the CanThrive daily diary telephone system, and assigning couples to their treatment condition
 - Coordinated and scheduled treatment sessions and follow-up assessments with project staff
 - Organized and updated study databases; created weekly recruitment tracking reports and enrollment reports for project meetings
- Assisted with recruitment and assessment duties for similar studies centering around lung and gastrointestinal cancer patients and their partners/caregivers

- Participated on an interdisciplinary team that provided supervision for study therapists

Honor Student and Research Assistant **August 2005-May 2006**

Department of Psychology (Developmental) UNC-Chapel Hill

Advisors: Martha J. Cox, Ph.D. and Andrea Hussong, Ph.D.

- Completed an honors thesis examining the relationships between marital support, maternal depressive symptoms, and infant temperament using archival data
 - Defense date: April 2006
 - Completed program with Honors
- Completed transcriptions of marital conflict interactions for two longitudinal studies

Research Assistant **January 2005-May 2006**

Department of Psychology (Clinical)

UNC-Chapel Hill

Advisor: Donald H. Baucom, Ph.D.

- Assessor, CanThrive research study (www.canthrive.org) of marital support for couples in which the wife has been diagnosed with breast cancer
 - Conducted assessments with participating couples at the UNC-Chapel Hill recruitment site of the study
- Building Our Own Story Together (BOOST) premarital prevention program
 - Led data entry and accuracy checking
 - Prepared research materials, contacted participants, managed and videotaped couple interactions

Research Assistant **January 2004-May 2006**

Department of Psychology (Social)

UNC-Chapel Hill

Advisor: Caryl Rusbult, Ph.D.

- Paid research assistant for a program of research concerned with interdependence processes in close relationships
- Recruited participants and ran laboratory experiments
- Coded videotaped couple interactions and completed data entry assignments

Clinical Experience

Volunteer **August 2004-December 2004**

Carol Woods Retirement Community

Chapel Hill, NC

Advisor: Pamela Kyff

- Volunteered at the health center and assisted living facilities accompanying residents to and from community programs and meals
- Provided companionship and conversation to residents
- Gained valuable social skills through interactions with residents

- Posters**
- Willett, J. M., Gordon, K. G., Dixon, L. J., Little, K. C., & Frousakis, N. N. (November, 2008). "Exploring the mechanisms of the connection between children's perceptions of parental conflict and their current relationship functioning." Poster submitted to the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.
- Willett, J. M. (May, 2006). "The moderation of marital support in the relationship between maternal depressive symptoms and difficult infant temperament." Poster presented at the 2006 Psychology Honors Program Poster Session, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Presentations**
- Willett, J. M. (April, 2003). "The power of fairy tales: How the myth of patriarchy relies on the oppressed in Angela Carter's *The Magic Toyshop*." Paper presented at the Ninth Annual Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities, Raleigh, NC.
- Publications**
- Gordon, K. C., Dixon, L. J., Hughes, F. M., & Willett, J. M. (in press). Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. In J. Bray & M. Stanton (Eds.), *The Blackwell Handbook of Family Psychology*. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.
- Memberships**
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| American Psychological Association
(Student Affiliate) | September 2005-Present |
| Association for Behavioral and Cognitive
Therapies (Student Affiliate) | September 2006-Present |
| Psi Chi National Psychology Honors
Fraternity | September 2004-Present |
| Psychology Club | January 2005-May 2006 |
- References**
- Available upon request