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Education

The Early Childhood Behavior Lab, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Research Scientist, Clinical Psychology, January 2025-Present

Supervisor: Daniel Bagner

Panthers Project, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Clinical Psychology, September 2021-January 2025

Supervisor: Daniel Bagner

Mental Health Center of Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Pre-Doctoral Intern, Clinical Psychology, September 2020-September 2021

Supervisors: Sandra Castillo and Amilie Dubois

Florida International University, Miami, FL

PhD, Clinical Science in Child and Adolescent Psychology, 2022

Advisor: Jeremy Pettit

Dissertation: Neuromodulation to Enhance Attention Training in Socially Anxious Adolescents

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Master of Science, Clinical Science in Child and Adolescent Psychology, 2016

Advisor: Jeremy Pettit

Thesis: Parental Acculturation Level Moderates Outcome in Peer-Involved and Parent-Involved CBT for Anxiety Disorders in Latino Youth

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Master of Arts, Religious Studies, 2013

Advisor: Nathan Katz

Thesis: Defining *Īśvara*: A New Perspective in the Hermeneutics of Classical Yoga

New World School of the Arts, Miami, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance, 2003

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Griffith, S.F., **Vaclavik, D.**, Hart, K.C., Casanova, S.M., Goodman, A.C., Mac-Niven, A.C., Bagner, D.M. (Revise & Resubmit). Leveraging a parenting intervention to support healthy media use in U.S. preschoolers with externalizing behavior: A pilot randomized trial. *Journal of Children and Media*.

Buitron, V., Hill, R. M., Bose, D., **Vaclavik, D.**, Rey, Y., Pettit, J. W. (2022). A Brief Modular Approach to Target Perceived Burdensomeness in Clinic-Referred Youth. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 52(4), 752-762.

Wolenski, R., **Vaclavik, D.**, Rey, Y., & Pettit, J.W. (2021). Metacognitive worry predicts cognitive behavioral therapy outcome in children with anxiety disorders. *Journal of Cognitive Therapy*, 14(4), 687-703.

Vaclavik, D., Bechor, M., Foster, A., Gralnik, L. M., Bar-Haim, Y., Pine, D. S., Bikson, M., Silverman, W. K., Reeb-Sutherland, B.C., & Pettit, J. W. (2020). Case series of transcranial direct current stimulation as an augmentation strategy for attention bias modification training in adolescents with anxiety disorders. *Clinical Psychology and Special Education*, 9(3), 105-126.

Buitron, V., **Vaclavik, D.**, Bose, D., Hill, R.M., & Pettit, J.W. (2020). Low parental warmth and high youth impairment: A recipe for perceived burdensomeness? *Behavior Therapy*, 51(5), 789-799.

Bose, D., **Vaclavik, D.**, Buitron, V., Rey, Y., Silverman, W. K., & Pettit, J. W. (2019). Attentional control and threat-related attention bias partially explain the association between maternal psychological control and youth anxiety severity. *Cognitive Therapy and Research*, 43(2), 427-437.

Pettit, J.W., Rey, Y., Bechor, M., Melendez, R., **Vaclavik, D.**, Buitron, V., Bar-Haim, Y., Pine, D., & Silverman, W.K. (2017). Can Less Be More? Open Trial of a Stepped Care Approach for Child and Adolescent Anxiety Disorders. *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*, 51, 7-13.

Vaclavik, D., Buitron, V., Rey, Y., Marin, C., Silverman, W.K., & Pettit, J.W. (2017). Parental acculturation level moderates outcome in peer-involved and parent-involved CBT for anxiety disorders in Latino youth. *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*, 5(4), 261-274.

Non-Refereed Publications

Vaclavik, D. & Pettit, J. (2017). Cognitive bias modification. In A. Wenzel (Ed.), *The sage encyclopedia of abnormal and clinical psychology*, 7, 750-751. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Ltd.

Conference Presentations

Buitron, V., Bose, D., **Vaclavik, D.**, Pereira, J., Zullo, V., Hill, R. M., Pettit, J.W. (2020, June). *Development of a CBT Module Targeting Burdensomeness in Youth*. Paper accepted at the International Congress on Cognitive Psychotherapy, Rome, Italy. (Conference cancelled)

Buitron, V., Bose, D., **Vaclavik, D.**, Pereira, J., Zullo, V., Pettit, J. W. (2019, October). *Qualitative Research with Youth in Mental Health Settings: Recommendations, Implications and a Study Case*. Oral paper presentation presented at the annual meeting of the World Conference on Qualitative Research, Porto, Portugal.

Vaclavik, D., Bose, D., Silverman, W.K., & Pettit, J.W. (November, 2017). Attentional control and anxiety in children and adolescents: A meta-analysis. Poster will be presented at the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego, CA.

Bose, D., **Vaclavik, D.**, Buitron, V., Rey, Y., & Pettit, J.W. (November, 2017). Youth attentional control accounts for the association between maternal psychological control and youth anxiety severity. Poster will be presented at the 51st Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego, CA.

Buitron, V., **Vaclavik, D.**, Bose, D., Hill, R.M., & Pettit, J.W. (November, 2017). Low Parental Acceptance and High Child Impairment: A Recipe for Perceived Burdensomeness Towards Others? Poster will be presented at the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego, CA.

Pettit, J. W., Rey, Y., Bechor, M., Melendez, R., **Vaclavik, D.**, Buitron, V., Bar-Haim, Y., Pine, D. (2016, October). *Can less be more? Open trial of a stepped care approach for child and adolescent anxiety disorders*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.

Buitron, V., **Vaclavik, D.**, Melendez, R., Rey, Y., Marin, C., Silverman, W.K., & Pettit, J.W. (October, 2016). Peer-Involved Group CBT Leads to Greater Reductions in Concurrent Depressive Symptoms than Parent-Involved CBT in Children and Adolescents with Anxiety Disorders and Negative Peer Interactions. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.

Vaclavik, D., Buitron, V., Rey, Y., Marin, C., Silverman, W.K., & Pettit, J.W. (October, 2016). Parental acculturation level moderates outcome in peer-involved versus parent-involved CBT for anxiety disorders in Latino youth. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.

Vaclavik, D., Reeb-Sutherland, B.C., Silverman, W.K. Bar-Haim, Y., Pine, D.S, Bikson, M., Hajcak, G., Foster, A., Gralnik, L., Bechor, M., & Pettit, J.W. (October, 2016). Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation Augmentation of Attention Bias Modification in Adolescents with Anxiety Disorders: A Case Series. Poster presented at the Special Interest Group of the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.

Vaclavik, D., Bechor, M., Foster, A., Reeb-Sutherland, B.C., & Pettit, J.W. (October, 2015). Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation as an Adjuvant to Attention Training in an Adolescent with Generalized Anxiety Disorder: A Case Study. Poster presented at the Annual MARC U*STAR & MBRS RISE Student Biomedical Mini-Symposium, FIU, Miami, FL.

Meléndez, R., Bechor, M., **Vaclavik, D.**, Rey, Y., Pettit, J.W., & Silverman, W.K. (November, 2014). Attention Bias to Threat in Clinic Referred Youth with Anxiety Disorders: Retest Reliability and Associations with Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.

Vaclavik, D. (November, 2013). Defining Īśvara: A New Perspective in the Hermeneutics of Classical Yoga. In Vaclavik, D. (panelist), *Engaging the Jungle Physician: Hermeneutics and Practice in Patañjali's Yogasūtra*. Symposium in the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Vaclavik, D. (March, 2013). From Veda to Vedānta: An Analysis of Revelation. In Vaclavik, D. (panelist), *Religious Change: Practice, Beliefs, and Interpretations*. Symposium in Religions of Asia, The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Greenville, SC.

Research Funding

January 2019-August 2020

Seed Funding Dissertation Grant For Doctoral Students, Center for Children and Families, FIU, Miami, FL

August 2015-August 2018

National Institute of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement Fellowship (MBRS-RISE), FIU, Miami, FL

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor

Florida International University, Religious Studies Department
Fall 2013 & Spring 2014

Courses: Religion: Analysis and Interpretation; World Religions

August 2013-April 2014

Graduate Teacher Assistant/Instructor

Florida International University, Religious Studies Department
Spring 2013

Courses: Religion: Analysis and Interpretation

January 2013-April 2014

Graduate Teacher Assistant

Florida International University, Religious Studies Department
Fall 2012

Courses: World Religions

August 2012-December 2012

Research/Clinical Experience

Research Scientist

The Early Childhood Behavior Lab, Florida International University, Miami, FL
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Pre-Doctoral Intern**September 2020-September 2021**

Mental Health Center of Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Supervisors: Sandra Castillo, Psy.D. and Amilie Dubois, Psy.D.
Roles: Treatment provider in multiple Assisted Living Facilities for adult and elderly populations with moderate to severe psychopathology; treatment provider and assessor conducting comprehensive evaluations (includes diagnostic, intellectual functioning, academic achievement, and/or diagnostics) for court-mandated treatment and evaluations in children and adults through ChildNet.

Independent Evaluator**August 2019-August 2020**

Attention Training for Socially Anxious Youth, Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Jeremy Pettit, Ph.D.
Roles: Independent evaluator conducting diagnostic assessment and treatment for an NIH-funded clinical trial (R01)

Assessor**August 2018-August 2019**

Adolescent Brain Cognition Development (ABCD), Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Raul Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Roles: Assessor conducting diagnostic and neuropsychological testing on children for a NIDA-funded multisite study

Clinician**May 2018-December 2018**

ATLAS Project, Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Nicole Schatz, Ph.D.
Roles: Substance use prevention provider for adolescents with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) for an NIDA-funded study

Assessor**August 2017-August 2018**

Advanced Psychological Assessment Practicum, Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Elisa Trucco, Ph.D.
Roles: Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations for youth with diverse clinical presentations (includes intellectual functioning, academic achievement, and diagnostics).

Graduate Research Assistant/Clinician**August 2014-August 2020**

Child Anxiety and Phobia Program at the Children and Families Center, Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Jeremy Pettit, Ph.D.
Roles: Recruitment, diagnostic assessment, individual and group cognitive behavioral therapy for children and adolescents with internalizing disorders

Research Assistant**January 2013-August 2014**

Child Anxiety and Phobia Program at the Children and Families Center, Florida International University, Miami, FL
Supervisor: Jeremy Pettit, Ph.D.
Roles: Follow-up Specialist and assisting with assessment of participants for an NIH-funded clinical trial (R01)

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Research on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, June, 2022

Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, March, 2023

Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish