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### EDUCATION

- 2024 **Ph.D., Counseling and Counselor Education (CACREP accredited)**  
The University of Central Florida  
Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology
- 2020 **M.Ed/Ed.S., Counselor Education (CACREP accredited)**  
*Emphasis: Mental Health Counseling*  
The University of Florida  
College of Education
- 2017 **M.A., Developmental Psychology**  
Teachers College, Columbia University  
Graduate School of Education, Health & Psychology
- 2016 **B.S., Psychology & Sociology**  
*Emphasis: Leadership Studies*  
Florida State University  
College of Social Sciences & Public Policy

### SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY

#### **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PRINT, IN PRESS/PREPARATION, & UNDER REVIEW**

##### **Manuscripts IN PRINT in Refereed Journals**

- Stofer, K. A., **Rujimora, J.**, Sblendorio, D., Duqueny, E., Tatineni, T., & Gaudier, G. (2019). Casual conversations in everyday spaces can promote high public engagement with science. *International Journal of Science Education Part B*. 9(4), 296-311. 10.1080/21548455.2019.1670882.

##### **Manuscripts UNDER REVIEW for Publication in Refereed Journals**

- Ling, Z., Carter Jr., Qian, X., **Rujimora, J.**, & Wen, S. (UNDER REVIEW, September, 2021). Academia's responses to crisis: A bibliometric analysis of literature on online learning in higher education during COVID-19.
- Ruggeri, K., ... **Rujimora, J.**, ... Garcia-Garzon, E. (UNDER REVIEW, September, 2021). The globalizability of temporal discounting.

##### **Manuscripts IN PREPARATION for Publication in Refereed Journals**

Belic, J., **Rujimora, J.**, Ohlinger, M., Lazarevic, A., Krabbe Thommesen, K., & Cortes, L. (In preparation). What do you live by? Revisiting Schwartz values from a constructivist perspective across nations.

Walker, A., **Rujimora, J.**, McNiece, Z., Yoon, E., Machardo, M., Myers, K., Richardson, E., Lenés, E., Hebert, L., Sullivan, E., Arthurson, McColl, Z., Lagmay, J., & Puig, A. (In Preparation). “It becomes a family I’m a part of...we get to carry each other.” Insights from a mixed-methods study on program and psychosocial outcomes for an inpatient adolescent and young adult peer support program.

Depue, M. K., Oberheim, S. T., **Rujimora, J.**, Tauscher, J. S., Super, J. T., & Richardson, E. (In preparation). Examining the relationship between Substance Use Disorder counselors’ empathy and stigma levels towards transgender clients.

### **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT**

**Rujimora, J.\*** (2020, April). *Roots of Wellness. CSI Exemplar.*

**\*2019-2020 CSI & CACREP Leadership Essay Contest Entry Level Student Award Recipient**

**Rujimora, J.** (2019, Spring). *Summer Lovin’. Camping Magazine.*

Retrieved from <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/camping-magazine/summer-lovin>

### **SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY Continued**

**2019- Junior Researcher Programme**

**Present** *Project Manager*

Principal Investigator: Jelisaveta Belic

Preside and manage a team of five international students toward completion of a cross-cultural, mixed-methods research study for publication

**2018- University of Florida**

**Present** *Graduate Research Assistant*

Principal Investigator: Ana Puig

Co-authored a palliative-care research publication in an adolescents and young adult population

**2018- University of Florida**

**Present** *Graduate Research Assistant*

Principal Investigator: Kathryn A. Stofer

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Co-authored an educational research publication on public engagement between scientists and non-scientists

2016- **Teachers College, Columbia University**

**2017** *Graduate Research Assistant*

Principal Investigator: George A. Bonanno

Conducted phone intake interviews and assisted with data entry within bereaved populations for longitudinal publication

2015- **Florida State University**

**2016** *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

Principal Investigator: Thomas A. Joiner

Completed an undergraduate research poster and earned a research award (See above)

2015- **Florida State University**

**2016** *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

Principal Investigator: Ashby Plant

Collected data for a peer-reviewed article: Cascio, J. L., & Plant, E. A. (2016). Judged by the company you keep? Exposure to nonprejudiced norms reduces concerns about being misidentified as gay/lesbian. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 42(9). 1164-1176.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations

**Rujimora, J.** (2021, July). *Scientists are asking closed questions in informal science settings*. Junior Researcher Programme's Open Conference. (Presentation delivered virtually)

**Rujimora, J.** (2019, October). *Group therapy for parents and guardians of children diagnosed with cancer*. Florida Counseling Association. Tampa, FL.

**Rujimora, J.\*** (2016, March). *The role of self-compassion in meaning in life and fear of death*. Department of Psychology Undergraduate Research Day. Tallahassee, FL.

**\*3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Howard Baker Research Talks & Awards.**

Yarnell, J. B., **Rujimora, J.**, Menard, B., & Cristaudo, K. (2016, February). *Peering into the future: Instilling ethical leadership through the development of peer-educators*. Dalton Institute on College Student Values. Tallahassee, FL.

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

**State**

FCA Annual Conference, Tampa, FL (October, 2019)

**GRANTS**

2020- **Chi Sigma Iota, Beta Chapter**

2021 University of Florida

*Award Amount: \$100.00*

2015 **Social Science Scholars Program**

College of Social Sciences & Public Policy

Florida State University

*Award Amount: \$5,000.00*

**TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

**GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT** (all courses taught face-to-face)

**University of Central Florida**

**MHS 5005: Introduction to the Counseling Profession, Lab Groups**

This course is designed to provide entering students with an orientation to the profession of counseling and a foundation for the development of professional identity as a counselor. In addition, students will be exposed to the tools necessary for success in graduate work.

*Fall 2021*

**Teachers College, Columbia University**

**HUDK 5040: Development & Psychopathology: Atypical contexts and populations**

This course provides master and doctoral students a contemporary research basis that focuses on the interface between classical developmental psychology theories and patterns of development identified in atypical contexts (e.g., poverty) and among atypical populations (e.g., resilient youth). Implications for interventions and policy are also discussed.

*Fall 2017*

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

2021- **Private Practice**

present *Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, IMH20668*

Private Practice – Part Time

Clermont, Florida

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Provide individual, couples, and family counseling to adolescents and adults struggling with a variety of behavioral, emotional, and relational disorders.

2020- **Gang Alternative, Inc.,**

2021 *Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, IMH20668*

Community Non-profit – Full Time

Miami, Florida

Provided trauma-informed family counseling to adolescents and adults struggling with a variety of behavioral, emotional, relational, and addictive disorders.

2020- **Transitions Recovery Program**

2020 *Graduate Counseling Intern*

Internship

Miami, Florida

Provided individual and group therapy to adults with addictive disorders (i.e. compulsions with chemicals, sex, food, gambling, exercise, etc.), depression, anxiety, interpersonal difficulties, poor self-esteem, and stress-related disorders.

2020- **PALS Thrive – UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital**

2020 *Graduate Counseling Intern*

Practicum & Internship

Gainesville, Florida

Provided individual and family counseling to children and adolescents suffering from severe mental health disorders (i.e., suicidal ideation, suicidality, major depression, etc.).

### **Specialized Training**

2021 **Trauma-Informed Treatment for Adults, Children, and Teens** – Trauma Institute & Child Trauma Institute

2020 **Emotionally Focused Therapy Training Externship** – International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy

2020 **Emotionally Focused Individual Therapy** – International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2013- **Camp Boggy Creek**

Present *Camper Transition Program Director*

Eustis, FL

Implemented a new pilot camper transition program that provides young adults with chronic and serious illnesses skills needed to transition into adulthood (e.g., shifting medical care, illness disclosure, cooking skills)

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2019- **Office of Academic Support**

2018 *Student Support Specialist – Mental Health*  
Gainesville, FL

Coordinated health and wellness programming through individual and small group sessions for approximately 150 students

2019- **Academic Advising Center**

2018 *Preview Graduate Staff Intern*  
Gainesville, FL

Presented and assisted approximately 500 students in course selection and registration while also completing exploratory presentations regarding university requirements

2019- **Camp Boggy Creek**

2018 *Program Assistant/Part-time Program Assistant*  
Eustis, FL

Participated in the facilitation of 9 Family Retreat Weekends completing various tasks, adhering to safety and medical procedures as they interfaced with all parts of camp to achieve the mission of Camp Boggy Creek

2018- **Camp Boggy Creek**

*Pride Leader*  
Eustis, FL

Directly responsible for supervising, supporting, and coordinating a pride of staff, volunteers, and campers as they interface with all parts of camp to achieve the mission of Camp Boggy Creek

2018- **Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Agency**

*PRN Client Advocate*  
Gainesville, FL

Provided shelter security coverage, including operating the security system, conducting routine shelter safety checks, monitoring communal living agreements, implementing other safety measures

2017- **Camp Boggy Creek**

*Oldest Camper Program Coordinator*  
Eustis, FL

Directly responsible for supervising, supporting, and coordinating a pride of staff, volunteers, and campers as they interface with all parts of camp to achieve the mission of Camp Boggy Creek

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### **2016- Camp Boggy Creek**

2014 Cabin Counselor  
Eustis, FL

Followed crisis, emergency, and medical response protocols to ensure the mission and well-being of campers and families at Camp Boggy Creek

### **2015- New York University's Langone Medical Center**

*Child Study Center, Camp Intern*  
New York City, NY

Implemented an evidence-based summer treatment program for children with hyperactive, inattentive, and combined-type Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Anxiety, and Autism Spectrum Disorder

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Professional Honors, Scholarships, Awards, and Recognitions**

#### **2020 University of Florida**

*Presidential Service Award*

The Presidential Service Award recognizes undergraduate and graduate students who dedicate themselves to promoting social justice, community awareness, and civic engagement on campus and in the community. This award acknowledges students who made outstanding efforts in these areas and too often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

#### **2020 University of Florida**

*CSI & CACREP Leadership Essay Contest Entry-Level Students (1<sup>st</sup> Place)*

This competitive competition is for Master and Doctoral level students to respond to an essay prompt posed by Chi Sigma Iota and CACREP. Universities nationwide are invited to participate in the competition.

#### **2020 University of Florida**

*Ralph D. Turlington Scholarship and Fellowship Fund (\$2,000)*

This is an annual scholarship fund for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled full-time at the University of Florida College of Education

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

### **National Memberships**

**American Counseling Association (2018 – present)**

*Member*

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**Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society in Counseling (2018 – present)**

*Member*

**Regional, State, and Local**

**University of Central Florida Counselor Education Advisory Board (2021 – present)**

*Member*

**REFERENCES**

**Marian Bach**

Qualified Supervisor, Private Practice

Phone: 305-502-5792      Email: mebach2000@aol.com

**Yanel Casanova**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor – PALS Thrive Clinical Coordinator

Phone: 305-338-7856      Email: casany@shands.ufl.edu

**Gary Johnson**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker – University of Florida Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital

Phone: 352-867-1079      Email: johnge@shands.ufl.edu

**Nick Sano**

Senior Program Associate – Camp Boggy Creek

Phone: 352-483-4200      Email: nsano@campboggycreek.org

**Kimmy Lamborn**

Manager, New Program Initiatives/Special Projects – Camp Boggy Creek

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