

NINA C. CHRISTIE

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, MA, MPH, PhD	<i>August 2017 - May 2023</i>
PhD, Psychology — Brain & Cognitive Sciences	Spring 2023
Minor in Quantitative Methods and Computational Psychology	
MPH, Master of Public Health — Health Services & Policy	December 2021
MA, Experimental Psychology — Brain & Cognitive Sciences	December 2019
University of California at Los Angeles, BA	<i>September 2012 - March 2016</i>
Department of Psychology	Cum Laude, GPA: 3.8

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

*Titles are Hyperlinked

- **Christie, N.C.**, Hsu, E., Iskiwitch, C., Iyer, R., Graham, J., Schwartz, B., & Monterosso, J.R. (2019). The moral foundations of needle exchange attitudes. *Social Cognition*. 37(3), 229-246.
- Davis, J.P., Prindle, J.J., Eddie, D., Pedersen, E.R., Dumas, T.M., & **Christie, N.C.**, (2019). Addressing the Opioid Epidemic with Behavioral Interventions for Adolescents and Young Adults: A Quasi-Experimental Design. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 87, 941 - 951.
- Davis, J.P., **Christie, N.C.**, Dworkin, E., Prindle, J., Dumas, T., DiGuseppi, G.T., Helton, J.J., & Ring, C. (2020). Influences of victimization and comorbid conditions on latency to illicit drug use among adolescents and young adults. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 206, 107721.
- DiGuseppi, G.T., Davis, J.P., **Christie, N.C.** & Rice, E. (2020). Polysubstance Use among Youth Experiencing Homelessness: The Role of Trauma, Mental Health, and Social Network Composition. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 216, 108228.
- Davis, J. P., **Christie, N. C.**, Pakdaman, S., Hummer, J., DeLeon, J., Clapp, J., Pedersen, E. R. (2020). Multifaceted impulsivity as a moderator of social anxiety and cannabis use during pre-gaming. *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*. 76, 102320.
- Davis, J.P., Eddie, D., Prindle, J., Dworkin, E.R., **Christie, N. C.**, Saba, S., DiGuseppi, G.T., Clapp, J.D., & Kelly, J.F. (2021) Sex differences in factors predicting post-treatment opioid use. *Addiction*. 116(8), 2116-2126.
- Cho, J., Bello, M. S., **Christie, N. C.**, Monterosso, J. R., & Leventhal, A. M. (2021). Adolescent emotional disorder symptoms and transdiagnostic vulnerabilities as predictors of young adult substance use during the COVID-19 pandemic: Mediation by substance-related coping behaviors. *Cognitive Behaviour Therapy*. 50(4), 276-294.
- **Christie, N.C.** (2021). The Role of Social Isolation in Opioid Addiction. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*. 16(7), 645-656.
- **Christie, N.C.**, Vojvodic, V., & Monterosso, J.R. (2021). The Early Impact of Social Distancing Guidelines on Substance Use. *Substance Use & Misuse*. 56(7), 997-1004.
- Davis, J. P., **Christie, N. C.**, Lee, D., Saba, S., Ring, C., Boyle, S., Pedersen, E.R., & LaBrie, J. (2021). Temporal, sex-specific, social media-based alcohol influences during the transition to college. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 56(8), 1208-1215.

- Hummer, J. F., Davis, J. P., **Christie, N. C.**, Pedersen, E. R. (2021). Protective behavioral strategies and alcohol use while pre-gaming: the moderating role of depression and anxiety symptoms. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 56(11), 1677-1686.
- **Christie, N.C.**, Vojvodic, V., Meda, P., & Monterosso, J.R. (2021). Changes in social, romantic, and general life satisfaction over the course of a substance use disorder. *Frontiers in Psychiatry - Addictive Behaviors*, 1886.
- Davis, J.P., Rao, P., Dilkina, B., Prindle, J., Eddie, D., **Christie, N.C.**, DiGuseppi, G., Saba, S., Ring, C., Dennis, M. (2022). Identifying individual and environmental predictors of opioid and psychostimulant use among adolescents and young adults following outpatient treatment. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 233, 109359.
- Pedersen, E. R., Hummer, J. F., Davis, J. P., Fitzke, R. E., **Christie, N. C.**, Witkiewitz, K., Clapp, J. D. (2022). A mobile-based pre-gaming drinking prevention intervention for college students: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*, 17(1), 1-14.
- **Christie, N.C.**, DiGuseppi, G.T., Pakdaman, S., Lee, D.S., Pham, D., Saba, S.K. & Davis, J.P. (2022). Influences of poly-victimization on adolescents' pre-treatment cognitive motivations and post-treatment outcomes. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 142, 108856.
- Saba, S. K., Davis, J. P., Bricker, J. B., Christie, N. C., Pedersen, E. R. (2023). Pain Trajectories among U.S. Veterans During COVID-19. *The Journal of Pain*
- Pakdaman, S., **Christie, N.C.**, Davis, J.P., Pedersen, E.R., Madden, D.R., & Clapp, J.D. Predictors of simultaneous alcohol and marijuana use (SAM) and mental health in Greek Life: a study on a college population. (*In Prep*)

Book Chapters

- **Christie, N.C.**, & Bechara, A. (2020). The Neurobiology of Addiction. In Sussman, S. (Ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Substance and Behavioral Addictions*.

Nonacademic Works

- **Nina C. Christie** (2022). Addiction is Not Just a Medical Problem. *Institute of Art and Ideas*.
- **Nina C. Christie** (2020). How Those in Recovery are Staying Connected During COVID-19. *Psychology Today*.

PRESENTATIONS

Research Talks & Symposia

- National Harm Reduction Coalition Annual Conference. *Listen to Young People: How to Implement Harm Reduction in the Collegiate Setting*. (October 2022)
- USC Institute for Addiction Science, Early Career Addiction Research Showcase. *Opioids Feel Like a Hug – Does Social Pain Increase Risk of Relapse for Those in Recovery from Opioid Use?* (April 2022)
- Symposium Co-Chair: Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction. *Media, Sociality, and Substances: How We Talk about the Context of Drug Use During COVID-19 Matters*. Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction Annual Conference (April 2022)
- USC Institute for Addiction Science. *Perceived Relapse Risk for Social and Non-Social Situations Across Substances*. IAS Biopsychosocial Mechanisms Meeting (February 2022)
- USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society. *Must be Love on the Brain... Or is it Opioids?*. CAIS Lunch & Learn Talk (February 2022)

- USC Institute for Addiction Science Annual Retreat. *The Social Experience of Opioids*. Institute for Addiction Science Pilot Grant Awardee Presentation (December 2021)
- Association for Psychological Science - APS 2021 Virtual Convention. Flash Talk. *Social Connection & Substance Use: Connecting the Dots between Opioid Use and Social Wellbeing* (May 2021)
- Western Psychological Association Annual Meeting *Life Happens: An Inclusive Teaching Framework for the Before and After Times*. Co-presentation with Dr. Berntsen, L., **Christie, N.C.**, Ewusi Boisvert, E.(April 2021; presented online)
- USC Institute for Addiction Science, Early Career Addiction Research Showcase. *Places Partied & Drinks Drunk: Social Contexts of Collegiate Drinking and Associated Transitory Risk*. Finalist for Best Abstract (April 2021; presented online)
- USC Institute for Addiction Science, Fall Research Roundtable. Timely Topics in Addiction Research During 2020: *How to Assess the Link Between Social Isolation and Opioid Addiction* (November 2020; presented online)
- Brain & Cognitive Science Lecture Series at USC: *Exploring the Link Between Social Isolation and Opioid Addiction* (February 2020)

Invited Teaching Talks

- Guest Panelist for WorldMed at the University of Southern California: *Minority Health Disparities in Substance Use Research and Practice*. Panelist for undergraduate pre-med students (2020)
- Guest Lecture, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology: *The Triadic Model of Addiction* (2019)
- Guest Lecture at the University of Southern California: *The Fundamentals of Harm Reduction, Needle Exchange Programs, and Overdose Prevention Centers* (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)
- Guest Panelist at the University of Southern California: *Life as a Graduate Student*. Panelist for undergraduate psychology majors, honors students, and research assistants interested in pursuing graduate school (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021)

Poster Presentations

- Vaccaro, T.*, Wu, H., Iyer, H., Shakthivel, S., **Christie, N.C.**, Damasio, A., & Kaplan, J. (2023, April). *Predicting Bittersweet Feelings from Neural Events During Naturalistic Movie Watching*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. ID 143686 (Also accepted as Data Blitz Talk)
- **Christie, N.C.***, Moghal, M., & Monterosso, J.R. (2023, March). Perceived Risk of Relapse to Emotionally Significant Life Events: Social Events are Highly Impactful. Poster at Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (CPA). Albuquerque, New Mexico. Poster ID: 7
- **Christie, N.C.***, Ortiz, J., Hofmann, R., & Nash, K. (2022, October). Listen to Young People: How to Implement Harm Reduction in the Collegiate Setting. Poster at NHRC 2022, the National Harm Reduction Coalition Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Poster ID: 439
- Hempel, S.*, Ferguson, L., Fu, N., **Christie, N.C.**, Yagyu, S., Bolshakova, M., Rozelle, M., Motala, A., Gruskin, S. (2022, July). Knowledge syntheses of stigma: A needed umbrella review. e-poster at AIDS 2022, the 24th International AIDS Conference. Montreal, Canada. Abstract ID: A-AIDS-2022-10917
- **Christie, N.C.*** Monterosso, J.R. (2022, June). The Heroin Hug: Opioids Acutely Produce Feelings of Being Secure and Loved. Poster session at College for Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD). Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- **Christie, N.C.***, Pakdaman, S., Fitzke, R., Clapp, J. (2022, June). Places Partied Drinks Drunk: How Social Contexts Influence Substance Use Among College Students. Poster session at Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA). Orlando, Florida. Abstract ID: 833
- **Christie, N.C.***, Vojvodic, V., Monterosso, J.R. (2021, June). The Early Impact of COVID-19 on Drug Use Behaviors. Virtual Poster QA Session I - Polydrug at the College for Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD). Abstract ID: M129 (presented online)

- DiGuseppi, G.*, Davis, J.P., **Christie, N.C.**, Rice, E. (2020, June). Trauma, Mental Health, and Social Network Factors Associated with Polysubstance Use Among Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Poster session at the Research Society on Alcoholism meeting (RSA), New Orleans, Louisiana. Abstract ID: 667 (presented online)
- **Christie, N.C.***, Davis, J.P., Eddie, D., Dworkin, E.R., Prindle, J., Saba, S., DiGuseppi, G., Clapp, J.D., Kelly, J.F. (2020, April). Gender Differences in Predicting Return to Opioid Use Following Treatment. Poster session at the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction meeting of the American Psychological Association Society of Addiction Psychology (Division 50), San Diego, California (presented online)
- **Christie, N.C.***, Hsu, E., Iskiwitch, C., Iyer, R., Graham, J., Schwartz, B., Monterosso, J.R. (2019, June). The Moral Foundations of Needle Exchange Attitudes. Poster session at the College for Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD), San Antonio, Texas
- **Christie, N.C.*** (2019, January) My Mind Me: An Introduction to Mental Health. Poster at the National Institute for Teaching of Psychology (NITOP), St. Pete Beach, Florida
- **Christie, N.C.***, Hart, E., Minor, T.R. (2014, May) Stress and Effort-Based Decision-Making. Poster session at the Stanford Undergraduate Psychology Conference (SUPC), Palo Alto, California

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Students for Sensible Drug Policy *Policy Intern*

September 2021 - Current

- Created a handbook in collaboration with the Department of Education for administrators and students to use in order to adopt harm reduction programs and policies in their campuses while complying with the DFSCA. The handbook will be shared nationally in the Spring of 2023.

Student Association for Addiction Science (SAAS) *Vice President of Civic Engagement*

May 2021 - May 2023

- Design advocacy events to connect the USC research community with the Los Angeles community
- Create partnerships with community schools to increase accessibility to addiction science

Graduate Association for Students in Psychology (GASP) *Co-President*

June 2018 - July 2020

- Implemented student-faculty committees aimed at identifying and resolving departmental issues, enhancing the graduate student experience, and improving the graduate department
- Developed and managed a \$7,500 annual budget for student activities and organizational efforts

Reviewer

April 2018 - Current

- Reviewer for *Neuropsychology*, *Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus Grants*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Psychopathology*, *Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation*, *Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment*, *Substance Use and Misuse*, *Journal of Pain Research*, *Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

USC Psychology Department *Instructor of Record*

Spring 2020

PSYC 426: Motivated Behaviors and Addiction

- Awarded a position as a Mentored Teaching Fellow to independently teach an undergraduate course under the guidance of a faculty member, Dr. Leslie Berntsen
- Developed novel assignments, including a habit formation project where students form a habit and experience when goals become automatic behaviors, highlighting a course concept in their daily lives

USC Summer Programs

Instructor of Record

Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021

My Mind & Me: Introduction to Mental Health

- Developed a new course for the high school Summer Programs at USC
- Used hands-on assignments & field trips to apply mental health principles to daily life
- Focused on four applied aspects of mental health: proactive mental health habits, mental illness and treatment, mind-body interactions, and the influence of media on mental health

Teaching Assistant Positions

March 2016 - Fall 2022

- HP 420: Gender and Minority Health Issues, Fall 2022 at USC
- PYSC 336: Developmental Psychology, Fall 2019 at USC
- PSYC 165: Drugs, Behavior, and Society, Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 at USC
- LS 15L: Introduction to Life Sciences (Spring 2016) at UCLA

HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Order of Arête

2023

University of Southern California

I was one of 120 graduate students university-wide to receive this award, which represents the highest honor accorded to graduate students upon completion of their academic programs.

PhD Achievement Award

2023

University of Southern California

I was one of six PhD students university-wide to receive this award and \$5,000 based on academic, scientific, and leadership achievements.

Research Excellence Award

2022

USC Institute for Addiction Science, Annual Retreat

I received the top award and \$250 for my contributions to the field of addiction science.

Best Presentation - Early Career Addiction Science Showcase

2022

USC Institute for Addiction Science, Early Career Addiction Science Showcase

I was awarded \$500 for my work titled *Opioids Feel Like a Hug*.

CPDD Female Opioid Research and Clinical Experts (FORCE) Travel Award

2022

College for Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD)

I was one of three people awarded \$1,000 to present my work on social connection and opioid use.

Summer Research and Writing Grant

2022

University of Southern California Graduate School

I was awarded \$2,000 as the recipient for this competitive grant to fund my summer research.

Institute for Addiction Science Pilot Grant

2021

Principal Investigator

I was awarded \$15,000 as the Principal Investigator on this competitive grant for dissertation research.

Oakley Endowed Fellowship

2021

University of Southern California Endowed Fellowship Award

I was awarded this competitive fellowship with a stipend of \$32,000 plus tuition, insurance, & fees.

Gehr Summer Innovators Fellowship 2021
University of Southern California Award

I was awarded a \$1,500 stipend through the interdisciplinary Gehr Family Student Innovator program.

CPDD Early Career Investigator Award 2021
College for Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD)

I was awarded \$1,000 for my presentation: *The Early Impact of COVID-19 on Drug Use Behaviors*.

Best Abstract Finalist 2021
USC Institute for Addiction Science, Early Career Addiction Research Showcase

I was recognized and awarded \$1,000 for my presentation on *Places Partied & Drinks Drunk*.

USC Doctoral Research Grant 2018 - 2020
Psychology Department Award

I was awarded for three unique projects in the following amounts: \$2,240, \$1,500, & \$2,000.

USC Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award 2019
University Wide Award

I was one of three recipients of a \$1,000 award for a commitment to excellence in teaching.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching 2016
Life Sciences Department Award

I received this award for my mastery of subject matter, skill in the classroom, and commitment to students based on outstanding teaching evaluations.