

## Student Website Profiles

### **Fourth year +** [ldrerup@ku.edu](mailto:ldrerup@ku.edu)

Lauren's primary research advisor is Yo Jackson. She also collaborates with Michael Roberts on a program evaluation for a summer dance camp for at-risk youth. Her research interests include resiliency in children exposed to various types of trauma (e.g., child maltreatment, exposure to community violence), the measurement of childhood stress, and the role of emotional-social intelligence in psychological adjustment. Lauren's practicum placements have included KU Medical Center and KU Child and Family Services Clinic.

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Kalani works with Yo Jackson. His research interests involve children and trauma, with most recent projects looking at both cognitive and contextual factors buffering against negative mental health outcomes in children at-risk for psychopathology (i.e., children in foster care). He also works in the Peers and Emotional Health Research Lab on the University of Kansas Friendship Study.

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Sangeeta's research advisor is Yo Jackson. She has also collaborated with Michael Roberts, Matt Reese (Center for Child Health and Development), and Larke Huang (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) on several projects. Her research interests include child abuse and neglect, protective factors in children, parenting across cultures, and cultural differences in psychological development. She is currently the graduate student representative for the APA Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice. Sangeeta's practicum placements have included the KU child and Family Services Clinic and the KU Medical Center.

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Marilyn completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Miami and entered the clinical child doctoral program at KU in Fall 2007. She has a variety of interests in the areas of pediatric and clinical child psychology. She is particularly interested in the influence of peer relations and friendships on adjustment in youth with chronic illness and the effects illness can have on social development. She is also interested in psychosocial factors that predict non-adherence to treatment and prevention efforts targeting these factors.

### [jvanallen@ku.edu](mailto:jvanallen@ku.edu)

Jason's primary research advisor is Ric Steele. Jason has a broad interest in pediatric psychology and peer relationships, with a focus on the role of individual strengths in response to interventions. His past research projects have involved the study of the construct Hope in both adult and child populations. His current research interests include measure development, children's responses to pediatric weight management programs, the role of Hope in physical activity, and the role of goal-oriented constructs in diabetes management. Jason's current practicum placement is at Children's Mercy Hospital.

### **Third year**

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Sarah's research advisors are Yo Jackson and Michael Roberts. Her research interests include child maltreatment, cognitive and social factors that may lead to resilient outcomes in children experiencing stress and trauma, and parental and family influences on children's mental health, as well as policy and systemic factors in child mental health service provision.

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Some of my research interests include adherence to medical and behavioral treatment recommendations, eHealth, patient-centered outcomes in intervention trials, pediatric pain, and psychosocial benefits of physical activity. My clinical interests primarily revolve around pediatric health behavior, coping with chronic illness, and family adjustment to illness.

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Allison conducts research with Ric Steele. Her research interests include examining the relation between children's physical appearance, peer relationships, self-perceptions, and peer victimization, as well as examining risk and resilience factors associated with poor body image and eating disorders.

### **Second year**

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Erin's research advisor is Dr. Vernberg, but she also works with Dr. Jackson. Research interests include child maltreatment, effects of maltreatment on neurodevelopment, risk and protective factors of the impact of child maltreatment, Disaster Mental Health (specifically Psychological First Aid), and dissemination of evidence based practice. Currently, she works on two grant-funded projects: 1) Dr. Vernberg's Psychological First Aid grant, where the goal is to disseminate PFA and make it accessible to community mental health centers and volunteers, and 2) Dr. Jackson's SPARK project, a grant designed to study factors that promote resilience in children. Erin's current practicum placement is in the KUCFSC, but she will work at Children's Mercy beginning in the fall.

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Sonia's primary research advisor is Eric Vernberg. She also collaborates with Yo Jackson on several projects. Her research interests include the impact of trauma exposure (e.g., violence, natural disasters) on child mental health outcomes, the role of peer relationships (e.g., social support, peer victimization) in child development, and the transportation of evidence-based interventions into community settings. Sonia's current practicum placement is the KU Child and Family Services Clinic.

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Leni's research advisor is Eric Vernberg. Her broad research interests include children's peer relationships, social adjustment, and the implementation of evidence-based

interventions. Currently, she is involved with projects regarding adolescent social adjustment following residential moves, development and community implementation of an evidence-based intervention for children who misuse fire, and implementation of a school-based mentoring program for aggressive children.

### **First year**

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Kimberly's primary research advisor is Michael Roberts. Her research interests are primarily in the field of pediatric psychology, specifically related to coping with and adaptation to chronic illness. Kimberly is currently interested in the school re-entry process for children with chronic illness. She has also collaborated with Dr. Roberts and members of the Roberts Research Team to examine mentorship relationships within the field of Pediatric Psychology and to conduct a Delphic Poll regarding children's mental health needs. Kimberly also assists with a program evaluation of a dance camp for at-risk youth. Her current practicum site is the KU Child & Family Services Clinic.

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Joy's research advisor is Yo Jackson, and her work in the Jackson Lab has centered on the SPARK Project investigating resilience in foster care youth. Her primary interest in clinical child psychology relates to developmental processes of psychopathology, risk and resiliency factors related to maltreatment and other adverse experiences, and employment of statistical modeling techniques to answer complex, developmental research questions. Joy also has an interest in international work and the translation of psychological constructs and tools cross-culturally. Her previous research experience involved projects investigating violence against individuals with disability and substance use in adolescents. Joy is currently working on projects examining the factorial invariance of the BASC-2 in foster youth, the reporting of socioeconomic status in child-focused psychological journals, and ethnic differences in maltreatment outcomes.

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Cathy has a broad interest in pediatric psychology, with a particular interest in both parent and child psychosocial adjustment to chronic illness or injury. Her past research projects have involved the study of anxiety and illness perception in children with epilepsy and investigation of posttraumatic stress symptoms in both parents and children following a pediatric burn injury. Cathy is currently investigating the impact of summer camps for children with chronic illness on psychosocial and medical outcomes. Cathy's research advisor is Dr. Michael Roberts, with whom she is conducting research on mentoring in the field of pediatric psychology and future directions for the Interdivision Task Force on Children's Mental Health, an organization affiliated with APA to focus attention on children's issues. Cathy is also collaborating with Dr. Susana Patton at the University of Kansas Medical Center on interventions to improve glycemic control in young children with type 1 diabetes mellitus by targeting both mealtime and general behavior problems.