



Asian American Psychological Association

AAPA Graduate Leadership Institute Mentee Profiles

"I am a 3rd year PsyD Clinical Psychology student at the Wright Institute with an interest in working with children who have experienced trauma, collaborating with school systems through a trauma informed lens, and assisting families with reunification efforts. I also have an Etsy shop where I make matching baby bibs and dog bandanas!"



Thao Trinh

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
/They/Their/Theirs

"I am a second year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Maryland, College Park. In my research, I primarily focus on identity development, mental health, and related factors for South Asians in the United States. A fun fact about me is that in my free time, I like to bake."



Priya Bansal

Pronouns: she/hers

"I am a 5th year PsyD student from the Wright Institute, and I am currently doing my internship at the University of Kentucky Counseling Center. My clinical interests are to provide culturally informed therapy for young adults and advocate for people from the marginalized community. I enjoy watching anime and cosplaying in my spare time."



Heidi Li

Pronouns: she/they

"I am a sixth year counseling psychology doctoral candidate at Purdue University and a pre-doctoral intern at University of California Santa Barbara Counseling and Psychological Services (UCSB CAPS). I am interested in grief and loss, trauma, identity development, and acculturation issues. I am an international student from Malaysia and my first name means rainbow in Mandarin."



**Chye Hong
Liew**

Pronouns: she/hers

Joshua Chow is a 2nd year PsyD student at the Wright Institute who's main interest is in collective healing of folks with marginalized identities, especially the LGBTQ+ POC community. Josh was previously pursuing a career in Marine & Coastal Ecology and his favorite invertebrate is the Opalescent nudibranch.



Joshua Chow

Pronouns: he/him/his

"I'm a 3rd year Clinical Psychology PhD student at Yeshiva University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Broadly, I'm interested in studying cultural and racial/ethnic disparities across conditions (such as HIV & smoking) as well as cross-cultural neuropsychology. Fun fact: I sledded down a volcano in Nicaragua!"



Lisa N. Cruz

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Abby is a third year M.S. student at California State University, Fullerton whose research utilizes perspectives from social, cultural, and educational psychology to explore how educational practices can empower underrepresented students academically and personally. In her spare time, she is your typical Los Angeles "foodie," on a mission to discover the best bites to eat around Southern California.



Jean Abigail Saavedra

Pronouns: she/her/hers

"I am a fourth year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and an interesting fact about me is that I like to sketch/draw. My clinical interests include working with children and families and my research interests include researching multiculturalism and prevention efforts."



Rafay Raziuddin

Pronouns: he/him/his

Jessica Petalio is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Alaska Anchorage's (UAA) Clinical-Community Psychology program emphasizing in indigenous, cultural, and rural psychology. Her current research area of interests are indigenous Filipina/o psychology, kapwa, microaggressions, and ethnic identity. In her spare time, she enjoys snowboarding and hiking the beautiful Alaskan mountains with her partner and their 2 rescue dogs.



Jessica Petalio

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Annika is a fifth year student in the clinical psychology program at the University of San Francisco with interests in working with populations with serious mental illness in forensic settings within a therapeutic context and researching ethnic identity development. Prior to studying clinical psychology, Annika worked as a paramedic in a busy 911 system.



Annika Miyamoto

Pronouns: she/her/hers

"I am a fourth year in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program with over eight years of administrative and clinical experience in integrated behavioral health-care with a variety of populations, including individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, dual diagnoses, and histories of trauma and homelessness. My research interests include trauma, video games, and the intersection of technology and mental health."



Cheryl Tien

Pronouns: she/her

Yuki Yamazaki is a current third year Counseling Psychology PhD student at Fordham University whose research focuses on the stereotypes and microaggressions experienced by Multiracial and Multiethnic Asian Americans. She is also the proud mother of a giant bearded bunny named Mame and sister to two shiba inus, Momo and Shiro.



Yuki Yamazaki

Pronouns: she/her

"I am currently attending Teachers College, Columbia University, in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. I'm interested in social justice oriented research projects, specifically for Southeast Asian Americans. In my free time, I love to play soccer and the piano."



Tyler Sar

Pronouns: he/him/his

"I am a first year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program at New Mexico State University, and my research and clinical interests are Asian/Asian American sexual minority individuals' mental health issues. I love singing and it has been one of my best self-care activities."



Shuo "Coco" Wang

Pronouns: she/her/hers

"I am a fourth year Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Candidate at George Washington University specializing in behavior change. One of my goals is to make a contribution towards improving the health of AAPIs especially young and emerging adults."



Ichhya Pant

Pronouns: she/her