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Education

University of South Carolina Columbia, SC

Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, in Psychology, May 2001

- *Minor* in Early Childhood Education
- Cumulative GPA: 3.6 (*Major GPA: 3.5*)

Research Experience

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE)

Researcher (5/00 - 7/00)

- Designed and conceptualized study of adolescent peer relations and identity development
- Analyzed and interpreted large-scale survey data
- Submitted results for presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development

University of South Carolina Columbia, SC

Independent Study Student (8/99 - 12/99)

- Developed and edited questionnaires that examined the connection between "Attachment Theory" and adult intimate relationships
- Conducted field work by distributing questionnaires to volunteer participants

Research Presentations

- Hamm, J.V., Dyson, O., & Brown, B.B. (accepted for presentation, April 2001). Concordance of self-perceived and peer-rated peer group affiliation among African American, Asian American, and Latino adolescents in ethnically diverse high schools. To appear in the symposium, *Extending research on friendships and crowds to ethnic minority youth* (P. Dolcini, Chair) at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.
- Dyson, O. (2001, July). Concordance of Self-Perceived and Peer-Rated Peer Group Affiliation. 7th Annual Ronald E. McNair Research Conference, Knoxville, TN.
- Dyson, O. (2000, November). Concordance of Self-Perceived and Peer-Rated Peer Group Affiliation. 9th Annual Ronald E. McNair Research Conference, Delevan, WI.
- Dyson, O. (2000, July). Concordance of Self-Perceived and Peer-Rated Peer Group Affiliation. Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE), Chapel Hill, NC.

Honors & Awards

- President's List (4.0), Spring 1998
- Dean's List (3.5-3.9), Fall 1998-Spring 1999, Spring 2000-May 2001
- Ralph E. Johnson Exemplary Leadership Award, April 2001
- Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Fall 2000-July 2001
- National Society for Collegiate Scholars, 1999
- Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology

Extracurricular Activities

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
- Best Buy Stores, 1999-2000: Computer and Digital Imaging Sales Specialist

Volunteer/Service Activities

- Developed fundraising program for the March of Dimes
- Participated in the 1st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
- Tutored and mentored students affiliated with the Talented Tenth Program
- Tutored and mentored children affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America
- Participated in the Children's Miracle Network national fundraising project
- Served as Assistant Coach for Columbia's Finest Step/Dance Team

