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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2026-Present National Institute of Drug Abuse T32 Postdoctoral Scholar
Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Pedersen

EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D., Developmental Science with Quantitative Minor
Department of Psychology, Wayne State University
Advisor: Dr. Hannah Schacter

2022 M.A., Developmental Science
Department of Psychology, Wayne State University
Advisor: Dr. Hannah Schacter

2019 B.A., Forensic Psychology, *summa cum laude*
Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Arts
Advisor: Dr. Kelly McWilliams

PUBLICATIONS

Published or In Press

1. Hoffman, A. J., Klein, R. C., **Bakth, F. N.**, Latorre, P. A., & Schacter, H. L. (2026b). The development of gender centrality and private regard and its relation to psychological and social well-being among cisgender adolescents. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 36(2), e70191. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jora.70191>
2. **Bakth, F. N.**, Johnson, J., Hoffman, A. J., & Schacter, H. L. (2026). Daily Peer Victimization and Adolescent Mood: Indirect Links through Sleep Quality and Daytime Dysfunction. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1353/mpq.0.a989735>
3. **Bakth, F. N.**, Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L. (2024). Longitudinal pathways linking peer victimization to academic efficacy in adolescence: Indirect effects via sleep. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01650254241308469>
4. Schacter, H. L., Bakth, F. N., Johnson, J., & Hoffman, A. J. (2024). Longitudinal effects of peer victimization on adolescents' future educational and work expectations: Depressive symptoms as a mechanism. *Journal of research on adolescence*, 34(4), 1445–1455. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jora.13012>

5. **Bakth, F. N.**, Chen, M., & Wang, Y. (2023). Adolescents' experiences of peer ethnic/racial victimization and school engagement in everyday life: sleep as a moderator. *Sleep health*, 9(3), 322–330. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2023.01.006>
6. **Bakth, F. N.**, Hoffman, A. J., & Schacter, H. L. (2022). Investigating the relation between ethnic–racial identity and classroom engagement among Cherokee adolescents: Cultural socialization as a moderator. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 28(2), 182–192. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000530>
7. Schacter, H. L., Hoffman, A. J., Ehrhardt, A., & **Bakth, F. N.** (2022). Peer victimization, schooling format, and adolescent internalizing symptoms during the COVID-19 pandemic: Between- and within-person associations across ninth grade. *Development and Psychopathology*, 35(2), 823–837. <https://doi.org/10.1017/s0954579422000074>
8. Schacter, H. L., Lessard, L. M., Kiperman, S., **Bakth, F. N.**, Ehrhardt, A., & Uganski, J. (2021). Can friendships protect against the health consequences of peer victimization in adolescence? A systematic review. *School Mental Health*, 13(3), 578–601. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12310-021-09417-x>
9. Fessinger, M. B., McWilliams, K., **Bakth, F. N.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2020). Setting the ground rules: Use and practice of ground rules in child forensic interviews. *Child Maltreatment*, 26(1), 126–132. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559520910783>

Under Review

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L. (under review). Conceptual Clarifications and Future Directions for Research on Identity-Based Bullying-Victimization.

Schacter, H. L., Losiowski, J., Gowatch, L., **Bakth, F. N.**, Bhargava, S., Bongu, S., Ehrhardt, A., Crisan, E., Sokol, E., Nelson, B., Jovanovic, T., & Marusak, H. A. (under review). On high alert: Associations between adolescent peer victimization and startle potentiation to threat.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Conferences

Bakth, F. N., Grekin, E., Hoffman, A. J., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2026). *Investigating the long-term effects of high school peer victimization on young adult alcohol use and motives*. Proposal accepted for poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2025). *Understanding the bidirectional*

associations between adolescent friendships and ethnic-racial identity. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Peer Relations Pre-Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2024). *Associations between adolescents' daily experiences of peer victimization and mood: Sleep as a mediator*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, Chicago, IL.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2024). *Longitudinal pathways linking peer victimization to academic efficacy in adolescence: The mediating role of sleep*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Peer Relations Pre-Conference, Chicago, IL.

Gowatch, L., Bhogal, A., Losiowski, J., Ehrhardt, A., **Bakth, F. N.,** Bhargava, S., Elhasan, B., Crisan, E., Ely, S., Carpenter, C., Shampine, M., Tamimi, R., O'Mara, E., Zundel, C., Hanif, M., Jovanovic, T., Schacter, H.L., & Marusak, H.A. (April 2024). *Brave faces, hidden fears: Intolerance of uncertainty predicts startle response in trauma-exposed teens*. Poster at the presented at Amygdala, Stress, and PTSD Annual Conference, Virtual.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L. (April 2023). *Gender differences in the longitudinal associations between subtypes of chronic victimization and adolescent sleep*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, San Diego, CA.

Schacter, H.L., Hoffman, A.J., Ehrhardt, A.D., & **Bakth, F. N.** (March 2022). *First-years in flux: Longitudinal associations between ninth graders' peer victimization, schooling format, and internalizing symptoms during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Bakth, F. N., Schacter, H. L., & Hoffman, A. (April 2022). *The longitudinal relationship between peer victimization and academic efficacy across ninth grade: Mediation of sleep*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, Virtual.

Schacter, H.L., Hoffman, A.J., Ehrhardt, A.D., & **Bakth, F.N.** (November 2021). *Peer victimization and adolescent mental and physical health during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Paper presented at the World Anti-Bullying Forum Virtual Conference.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, L. H. (May 2021). *Ethnic-racial centrality and regard in Cherokee youth: Cultural socialization as a moderator*. Poster presented at the Association at the Psychological Science Annual Conference, Virtual.

Bakth, F. N., Fessinger, M. B., McWilliams, K., & Lyon, T. D. (April 2020). *Setting the ground rules: Use and practice of ground rules in child forensic interviews*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

Local Conferences

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2025). *Understanding the bidirectional associations between adolescents' friendships and ethnic-racial identity.* Poster presented at the at the Lifespan Alliance Day, Detroit, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (November 2024). *Longitudinal pathways linking peer victimization to academic efficacy in adolescence: Indirect effects via sleep.* Poster presented at the Graduate School Poster Day, Detroit, MI.

Gowatch, L., Bhogal, A., Losiowski, J., Ehrhardt, A., **Bakth, F. N.,** Bhargava, S., Elhasan, B., Crisan, E., Ely, S., Carpenter, C., Shampine, M., Tamimi, R., O'Mara, E., Zundel, C., Hanif, M., Jovanovic, T., Schacter, H., & Marusak, H. (April 2024). *Unveiling the link: Intolerance of uncertainty predicts startle response in trauma-exposed youth.* Michigan Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting. Ann Arbor, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (April 2024). *Daily associations between adolescents' experiences of peer victimization and mood: Sleep as mechanism.* Paper presented at the Lifespan Alliance Day, Detroit, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L., (November 2023). *Associations between adolescents' daily experiences of peer victimization and mood: Sleep as a mediator.* Poster presented at the Graduate School Poster Day, Detroit, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L. (April 2023). *Gender differences in the longitudinal associations between subtypes of chronic victimization and adolescent health.* Poster presented at the Lifespan Alliance Day, Detroit, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Hoffman, A., & Schacter, H. L. (March 2023). *Gender differences in the longitudinal associations between subtypes of chronic victimization and adolescent health.* Poster presented at the Graduate Research Symposium, Detroit, MI.

Bakth, F. N., Schacter, H. L., & Hoffman, A. (April 2022). *Understanding the longitudinal relationship between peer victimization and academic efficacy across ninth grade: The role of sleep.* Poster presented at the Lifespan Alliance Day, Detroit, MI.

Invited Talks

Bakth, F. N. (2024). *Peers, sleep, and school: Understanding pathways to adolescent health and well-being.* Invited presentation for the Visiting Future Faculty Program (VITAL) at University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

2024

NIH Diversity Supplement (funding mechanism terminated before review)

Title: Ethnic-Racial Discrimination and Sleep: The Role of Individual and Structural Coping Resources
Mentor: Dr. Yijie Wang (parent-grant #R01MD015763)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowships/Paid Research Opportunities

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| 2024–2025 | Rumble Fellowship, \$20,000
Wayne State University |
| 2022–present | Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Predoctoral Fellowship, \$3000/yearly
Wayne State University |
| 2023 | Betty J. Neitzel Psychology Graduate Student Summer Research Award, \$4000
Wayne State University |
| 2020–2023 | Dean’s Diversity Fellowship, \$27,000/yearly
Wayne State University |
| 2019 | Summer Research Opportunity Program, \$5000
Michigan State University
(Advisor: Dr. Yijie Wang) |
| 2018-2020 | Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, \$2000/yearly
John Jay College of Arts
(Advisor: Dr. Kelly McWilliams) |

Awards

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| 2024 | Selected Scholar of The Visiting Future Faculty Program (VITAL)
University at Buffalo |
| 2024 | First-Tier Presentation Award at Graduate Student Poster Day
Department of Psychology
Wayne State University |
| 2024 | The Ross & Margaret Stagner Memorial Award for Research and Teaching
Department of Psychology
Wayne State University |
| 2024 | Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Travel Award
Wayne State University |
| 2023 | First-Tier Presentation Award at Graduate Student Poster Day
Department of Psychology |

Wayne State University

2023 Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Travel Award
Wayne State University

2023 Steven A. Lewis Memorial Award for Research
Wayne State University

2022 Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Travel Award
Wayne State University

ADVANCED RESEARCH/QUANTATIVE TRAINING

2021 Two-Month Course in Introduction to Data Management and Statistical Analysis
in R, Instructor: Robert Ty Partridge.
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2019 Actigraphy Sleep Coding, Advisor: Dr. Yijie Wang.
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2018-2020 Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Advisor: Dr. Angela Crossman.
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY

2018-2020 Qualitative Data Cleaning and Coding: Court Ground Rules, Advisor: Dr. Kelly
McWilliams.
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY

TEACHING

Courses

Experimental Psychology Lab; Teaching Assistant

Semesters Taught: Summer 2021, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Summer 2024
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Developmental Psychology; Adjunct Instructor

Semesters Taught: Summer 2021, Summer 2025
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

MENTORING

Undergraduate McNair Project

Cazares, N. (2024). The intersection of peer victimization and friend dominance and their
impact on mental health outcomes. Wayne State University.

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Ghosn, N. (2024). How does adolescent ethnic/racial discrimination vary by ethnicity/race, cross-ethnic friendships, & school context? Wayne State University.

Chandu, S. (2022). Understanding the role of sleep on the relationship between peer victimization and adolescent well-being during the transition to high school. Wayne State University.

Miah, J. (2020). Associations between parent and adolescent anxiety levels: exploring the role of peer support. Wayne State University.

Undergraduate Presentations

Cázares, N., **Bakth, F. N.**, & Schacter, H. L. (November 2024). *The intersection of peer victimization and friend dominance and their impact on mental health outcomes*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Detroit, MI.

Ghosn, N., **Bakth, F. N.**, Marusak, H., Jovanovic, T., & Schacter, H. L. (April 2024). *Parental knowledge about adolescent peer victimization: effects on youth anxiety*. Poster presented at the Wayne State Rodney Clark Undergraduate Research/Poster Day, Detroit, MI.

Ghosn, N., **Bakth, F. N.**, & Schacter, H. L. (March 2024). *Parental knowledge about adolescent peer victimization: Contextual variations and effects on youth anxiety*. Poster presented at the UROP Warrior Scholars Conference, Detroit, MI.

Ghosn, N., **Bakth, F. N.**, & Schacter, H. L. (April 2023). *How does adolescent ethnic/racial discrimination vary by ethnicity/race, cross-ethnic friendships, & school context*. Poster presented at the Wayne State Rodney Clark Undergraduate Research/Poster Day, Detroit, MI.

Miah, J., **Bakth, F. N.**, & Schacter, H. L. (April 2021). *Associations between parent and adolescent anxiety levels: Exploring the role of peer support*. Poster presented at Wayne State Rodney Clark Undergraduate Research/Poster Day, Detroit, MI.

SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Peer Review

Journal of Adolescent Health
Developmental Psychology

University Service

2025-2026

Vice President of the Graduate Employee Organizing Committee

	Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2024-2025	Co-President of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Student Organization Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2024-2025	Vice President of the Graduate Student Organization Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2023-2025	Mentoring Undergraduate Students towards Excellence (MUSE) Mentor Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2023-2024	Facilitator for Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Giant Step for Teen Conference Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2023-2025	Member of Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Giant Step for Teen Conference Steering Committee Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2022-2025	Member of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism (IDEA) Committee Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Community Service & Engagement

2024	Supervisor of High School Facilitators Jimiri Youth and Leadership Program, Detroit, MI
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RESEARCH FEATURED

The Conversation, "Being bullied in high school can make teens less optimistic about the future." October 1, 2024.

MSUToday, "Sleep helps youth with racial and ethnic victimization." May 1, 2023.

QUANTITATIVE SOFTWARE

Advanced Proficiency

SPSS, *Mplus*, Excel, JASP

Basic Proficiency

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Research on Child Development

Society for Research on Adolescence

Society for Health Psychology (APA, Division 38)

Developmental Psychology (APA, Division 7)

Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race (APA, Division 45)

School Psychology (APA, Division 16)