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Education

- 2021- PH.D. in Psychological Science, **University of California, Irvine**, Irvine, CA
Advisor: Jodi A. Quas, PH.D.
- 2023 M.A. in Social Ecology, **University of California, Irvine**, Irvine, CA
Advisor: Jodi A. Quas, PH.D.
Thesis: *Enhancing Adolescents' Disclosures via Rapport-Building Strategies*
- 2021 B.A. in Psychology, *Summa cum laude*, **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA
Advisor: Patricia J. Bauer, PH.D.
Thesis: *Event Characteristics and Autobiographical Memory Consistency in Adolescence*
- 2021 B.A. in Political Science, **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, Kim, S., Lyon T.D., & Quas, J.A. (2024). Building Rapport in Interviews with Adolescent Trafficking Victims. *Child Abuse Review*.
- 2023 Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (2023). Rapport-building with adolescents to enhance reporting and disclosure. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*.
- Simpson, E.**, Lee, K., & Bauer, P.J. (2023). Event characteristics help to explain the distribution of autobiographical memories over the first decade of life. *Memory*.

UNDER REVIEW

- 2025 Kim, S.E., **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (2025). Legal Questioning of Adolescent Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation Versus Sexual Abuse. *Law and Human Behavior*.
- Kim, S.E., Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (2025). Laypersons' Perceptions of Sex Trafficking Victimization and Attribution of Blame. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.
- Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., Kim, S.E., & Quas, J.A. (2025). Lay Perceptions of Child Witnesses: Effects of Presentation of Rapport Building in Forensic Interviews. *Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law*.
- Simpson, E.**, Quas, J.A., & Cleveland, K.C. (2025). Knowledge of and Attitudes about the Dependency System: Comparing Court Appointed Special Advocates and Dependency-Involved Parents. *Child and Family Social Work*.
- Dykstra, V.W., **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (2025). Adolescent disclosure of positive, negative, and delinquent experiences. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

OTHER WRITINGS

Quas, J.A., **Simpson, E.**, & Kim, S.C. (2025). Challenges to identification and interviewing of suspected youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking. In Lamb, M.E., Hershkowitz, I., Pipe, M.E. (Eds.), *Child Sexual Abuse* (pp. 47-72). Routledge.

Simpson, E., & Quas, J.A. (Spring 2023). Improving Legal Questioning of Adolescent Victims and Witnesses: Recommendations for Research and Practice. *APA Division 37 Section on Child Maltreatment Newsletter*.

Presentations

2025

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (June, 2025). *Adolescents as Eyewitnesses: The Impact of Rapport Building and Online Interviewing*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition conference, Kildare, Ireland.

Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (June, 2025). *The Influence of Rapport Building and Interview Context on Adolescents' Disclosure of Lies*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition conference, Kildare, Ireland.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., Kim, S.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2025). *Lay Perceptions of Child Witnesses: Effects of Presentation of Rapport Building in Forensic Interviews*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Juan, PR.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2025). *Increasing Productivity from Adolescent Eyewitnesses*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Juan, PR.

Kim, S., **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2025). *Beyond Forensic Interviews: Rapport-Building in the Courtroom*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Juan, PR.

2024

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (April, 2024). *Improving Adolescents' Eyewitness Accuracy: Unique Interview Approaches for a Unique Developmental Population*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence conference, Chicago, IL.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2024). *Adolescents as Eyewitnesses: Unique Interview Approaches for a Unique Developmental Population*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (March, 2024). *Rapport building to facilitate disclosures from adolescents in in-person and online interviews*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Simpson, E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2024). *Comparing Court Appointed Special Advocates' and Dependency-Involved Parents' Knowledge of and Attitudes about the Dependency System*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., Norton, N., Alvarez, G., Quas, J.A. & Lyon, T.D. (March, 2024). *Expressions of Reluctance in Adolescent Sex Trafficking Victims: Comparing Police and Federal Interviews*. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Dianiska, R.E., Yustman, K., Chang, E., Briones, A., **Simpson, E.**, Lyon, T.D. & Quas, J.A. (March, 2024). *Understanding Federal and Police Approaches When Interviewing Suspected Trafficking Victims Through Researcher-Practitioner Partnership*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Kim, S., Dianiska, R.E., **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (March, 2024). *Laypersons' Perceptions on Sex Trafficking Victimization and Attribution of Blame*. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2023 **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (April, 2023). *Testing the effects of different rapport-building techniques on adolescents' disclosures*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence conference, San Diego, CA.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2023). *Validating the efficacy of rapport-building with adolescents*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Simpson, E., Lee, K., & Bauer, P.J. (April, 2023). *Event characteristics help to explain the distribution of autobiographical memories over the first decade of life*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Simpson, E., Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (March, 2023). *Enhancing Adolescents' Disclosures via Rapport-Building Strategies*. Poster presented at the Orange County Bar Association: Family Law Division Meeting, Irvine, CA.

CHAired SYMPOSIA

2023 **Simpson, E.**, & Quas, J.A. (March, 2023). *Improving eyewitness reporting: Novel approaches across development*. Symposium presented at the Society for Research on Child Development conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Professional Experience

EMORY UNIVERSITY

2019-2021 *Research Assistant*, Bauer Memory Development Lab. Atlanta, GA.
Supervisor: Patricia Bauer, Ph.D.

2018 *Research Assistant*, James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference. Atlanta, GA.
Supervisor: Andra Gillespie, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

2025 *Course Reader*, Social Relationships (P173S)

2024 *Course Reader*, Psychology Fundamentals (P11B)

Course Reader, Abnormal Psychology (P102C)

Course Reader, Lifespan Development (P101D)

Course Reader, Eyewitness Testimony (C177)

2023 *Public Speaking by Activate to Captivate Certificate Program*

Teaching Assistant, Lifespan Development (P101D)

Teaching Assistant, Psychology Fundamentals (P11B)

Course Reader, Eyewitness Testimony (C177)

2022 *Teaching Assistant*, Sexual Deviance and the Law (P227)

2021 *Teaching Assistant*, Psychology Fundamentals (P11C)

Methodological Expertise and Software Proficiency

RESEARCH DESIGN

Experimental, Cross Sectional, Survey, Archival, Interviews, & Mixed Methods Approaches

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Software: RStudio, SPSS, Stata, Microsoft Suite, & Qualtrics

Techniques: Structural Equation Modeling, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Regression, & Mixed Effects Models

QUALITATIVE DATA

Software: Dedoose

Techniques: Thematic Analysis, Content Analysis, Grounded Theory

Service

STUDENT BOARD PRESIDENT

2025- *American Psychological Association, Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice, Division 37*

EDITORIAL BOARD, STUDENT SECTION

2023- *Child Maltreatment*

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWER

2023 *American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) conference*

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2022- Departmental Peer Mentor, Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine
2021-2022 Social Committee, Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine

Mentorship

MENTORED STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

2025 Behrstock, R., Huang, G., Zepeda, M., **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (April, 2025). *The Association Between Caregiver Attachment and Actions on Adolescent Lying*. Poster submitted to the Western Psychological Association conference, Las Vegas, NV.

2024 Oak, Y., Beshay, M., Sawa, J., **Simpson, E.**, Dianiska, R.E., & Quas, J.A. (April, 2024). *Effects of Interview Techniques on Adolescent Reporting*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

MENTORED STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS

2023-24, 2024-25 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Fellowship, University of California, Irvine

Grants, Honors & Awards

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

2023, 2024, 2025	Center for Psychology and Law Travel Award, University of California, Irvine
2022, 2023	Social Ecology Mentoring Award, University of California, Irvine
	Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship, University of California, Irvine
2021	Psychological Sciences Merit Fellowship, University of California, Irvine

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