**Educational History**

**Ph.D.** Counseling Psychology (APA-Accredited) August 2022

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

What’s the Beef with Veg\*ns: A Mixed Method Approach to Anti-Veg\*n Stigma (Defended May 2022)

*Dissertation Chair: Michael Ternes, Ph.D.*

Pre-doctoral Internship (APA-Accredited)

 Texas Tech University Student Counseling Center (SCC)

**B.S.** Psychological ScienceMay 2017

Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans,LA

Minor: Chemistry

**Teaching Experience**

***Assistant Professor of WGSS and Clinical-Counseling*** Fall 2022 - Present

Illinois State University – Department of Psychology

*Psychology of Women (PSY 305)*

*Senior Seminar (PSY 392)*

**Publications**

**Peer Reviewed Journals**

**Mercier, C.**, Abbott, D. M., Ternes, M. (2022). Coping Matters: An Examination of Black Americans’ Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic. *The Counseling Psychologist*, *50*(3), 384-414. https://doi.org/10.1177/00110000211069598

Abbott, D. M., Franks, A. S., Cook, C. L., & **Mercier, C.** (2021). (Non)Religious Coping with a Natural Disaster in Rural U.S. Community. *Secularism and Nonreligion*, *10*(1), 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.5334/snr.139>

Abbott, D. M., Ternes, M., **Mercier, C.**, & Monceaux, C. (2020). Atheists of color: Experienced discrimination, outness, and psychological distress. *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, *23*(10), 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13674676.2020.1858771>

Abbott, D. M., Mollen, D., **Mercier, C.**, Anaya, E. A., & Rukus, V. A. (2019) "Isn't atheism a White thing?": Centering the voices of atheists of color. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, *67*(3), 275-287. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cou0000399>

Abbott, D. M., Pelc, N., & **Mercier, C.** (2019). Cultural humility and the teaching of

psychology. *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*, *5*(2), 169-181. <https://doi.org/10.1037/stl0000144>

**Manuscripts Under Review**

**Mercier, C.** Applying Concealable Stigmatized Identity (CSI) Framework to Veg\*ns: A Conceptual Paper [Under Review]

**Mercier, C.** & Abbott, D. M. What's faith got to do with it?: Religious Coping and Gendered Racism among Black women [Under Review].

# Grants and Awards

Barbra A. Kirk Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research 2021

Graduate Student Spotlight 2019

**American Psychological Association** (Unfunded)

Psychological Science Research Grant

$1,000.00

# Reviewer Experience

*Mentee,* The Counseling Psychologist Reviewer Mentorship Program (Spring 2022 – Present)

*Student Reviewer*, Psychology of Women’s Quarterly Student Advisory Board (Fall 2021 – Summer 2022)

# Ad-Hoc Reviewing

# *Women & Therapy*

*The Counseling Psychologist* (Special Issue – Dismantling Anti-Black Racism and Counseling Psychology)

**Professional Presentations**

**Mercier, C.**, Abbott, D. M., & Ternes, M. (2021, August 12-14). *“The cumulative stress of being Black and now this, too”: How Black Americans cope during COVID-19* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Online.

**Mercier, C.**, Monceaux, C., Abbott, D. M., & Ternes, M. (2020, August 6-8). *Experienced discrimination, outness, and psychological distress among atheists of color* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC, United States.

**Mercier, C.** & Abbott, D. M. (2019, August 9-11). *What's faith go to do with it: Gendered racism and religious coping* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL., United States

Abbott, D. M., Mollen, D., **Mercier, C.**, Anaya, E. J., & Rukus, V. A. (2019, August 9-11). “Isn’t atheism a White thing?”: Centering the voices of atheists of color*.* In J. S. Sawyer (Chair), *Atheist research in psychology: Current trends and future directions*. [Symposium]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, United States.

Abbott, D. M., Pelc, N., & **Mercier, C.** (2018, August 9-12). *Cultural humility in psychological research and pedagogy* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, United States

**Invited Presentations**

*Speaker, Post-Graduation Mental Health* May 2021

Life After Forum

Kappa Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (DST)

LTU

*Co-Speaker/Co-Facilitator, On-Campus Mental Health Resources* May 2021

The Space

Black Student Union (BSU)

LTU

*Speaker, On Sexual Health and Stigma* April 2021

Kinesiology 433C Course

LTU

*Co-Speaker, On-Campus Mental Health Resources and Mental Health*  March 2020

Black Student Union (BSU) Leadership Bootcamp

Black Student Union

LTU

*Speaker, On Suicide and Mental Health in Black American Community* January 2020

Suicide Awareness Forum

Distinguished Society of Black Women (DBW)

*Guest Panelist, On Graduate School Applications and Interviews* March 2018

Graduate School Workshop

Grambling State University (GSU)

*Guest Panelist, On Racial Stress and Mental Health* February 2018

Wesley Foundation (LTU)

**Clinical Experience**

*Doctoral Intern*Fall 2021 – Summer 2022

Texas Tech University (TTU) Student Counseling Center

*Clinical Supervisor*Fall 2020

Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home

*Field Practicum Trainee* Summer 2020-Spring 2021

Campus Counseling Center, Louisiana Tech University

*Psychometrist (Paid)* Summer 2019-Summer 2021

Center for Counseling and Psychological Resources (CCPR)

*Advanced Practicum Trainee* Summer 2019-Summer 2020

Campus Counseling Center, Louisiana Tech University

*Beginning Practicum Trainee* Summer 2018-Summer 2019

Psychological Services Clinic, Louisiana Tech University

**Service to the Profession**

*Membership Chair*August 2022 - Present

APA Division 17’s Section for the Advancement of Women

***Memberships***

*Member,* Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) (Summer 2020-Present)

*Member,* American Psychological Association (APA)(2017-Present)

Division 2: Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Fall 2020-Present)

Division 17: Society of Counseling Psychology (Fall 2017-Present)

Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women (Spring 2018-Present)

Division 45: Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race

 (Spring 2019- Present)

*Member*, Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) (2016-2018)

***During Doctoral Training***

*Campus Representative*, Division 45: Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race (Spring 2019 – Summer 2021)

*Student Program Reviewer*, Division 17 for 2020 APA Annual Conference (Winter 2019)

**Service to the University**

*Committee Member* August 2022 - Present

Curriculum Committee, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program

Illinois State University

*Committee Member* August 2022 - Present

Programming Committee, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program

Illinois State University

*Committee Member* August 2022 - Present

Diversity Committee, Department of Psychology

Illinois State University

*Committee Member* August 2022 - Present

Awards Committee, Department of Psychology

Illinois State University

*Doctoral**Intern Selection Committee* August 2021-Summer 2022

TTU Student Health Center

**Specialized Trainings**

**EMDR Certified** (February 2022 – Present)

**QPR Gatekeeper Instructor** (Aug 2021-Present)

# Other Leadership, Service, and Membership

*Member,* Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (2014-Present)

*Member,* Afro-Vegan Society Activist Training (2022 – Present)