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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substance Abuse Treatment, Health-risk Behaviors and Treatment, Gender Differences, Evaluation of Treatment Programs, Implementation Science, Advanced Quantitative Methodologies, Mixed-Methods Research

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor August 2014 to Present
Psychology Department, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Graduate Research Assistant 2010-2014
Institute of Behavioral Research, Texas Christian University

Graduate Research Assistant 2007-2010
Developmental Disability Lab, Department of Psychology
East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

EDUCATION

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX

Ph.D., Experimental Psychology, May 2014

- Dissertation Title: *A Mixed-Methods Study of Treatment Adherence and Progress for Offenders Referred to Community-based Drug Addiction Treatment*
- Advisers: Dr. Kevin Knight and Dr. Patrick M. Flynn

M.S., Experimental Psychology, August 2012

- Thesis Title: *The Influence of Client Risks and Treatment Engagement on Recidivism*
- Advisers: Dr. Kevin Knight and Dr. Patrick M. Flynn

East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

M.Ed., Developmental Psychology, July 2010

- Honor Thesis: *A Study on the Characteristics of Executive Functioning and Mechanism of Cognitive Dysfunctions in Drug Abusers Mandated to Treatment*
- Adviser: Dr. Ciping Deng

B.S., Applied Psychology, July 2007

- With Honors; Thesis: *An Experimental Study on the Relationship between Perceived Fatigue of Computer Use and Attention Processing*
- Minor in French

Teaching Experience

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Department of Psychology

- Undergraduate courses: Experimental Psychology I, Experimental Psychology II
- Graduate courses: Experimental Design, Regression

Award & Fellowship

NIDA/NIH A New Investigator Recognition Award October 2014

NIDA Women and Sex/Gender Junior Investigator Travel Award June 2013
Seventy-fifth College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)

Fellowship Scholarship March 2013
Sixth Academic & Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health
(American Health Policy Conference in Corrections)

Grants

Yang, Y. (PI) *Life after incarceration: The dynamic process of early reentry and family involvement for substance-involved offenders.*
Grant submitted to the Board of Regents Support Fund Research and Development Program (requested $171,866; unfunded) November 2018

Yang, Y. (PI), Lin, H., & Li, M. *The correlations from psychological control to health-risk behaviors: The role of individual and community factors.*
Funded by the Better Options Initiative ($179,339) January 2018 - December 2019

Li, M., **Yang, Y. (Co-PI)**, &Lin, H-C. *A network perspective of the understanding on the lack of ambivalence in parental alienation.*
Parental Alienation Study Group ($2,000). Unfunded. 2018

Yang, Y. *The impact of victimization on offenders with drug use problems.*
Undergraduate Mini-grant ($2,000). February 2018

Lin, H., and **Yang, Y. (Co-PI)**. *Long-term mental and physical health correlates for children on divorce: Extension of the 2007 study by Fabricius and Luecken.*
Funded by the Better Options initiative ($17,800). 2017 - 2018

Lin, H., and **Yang, Y. (Co-PI)**. *Long-term mental and physical health correlates for children on divorce: Replication of the 2007 study by Fabricius and Luecken.*
Funded by the Better Options initiative ($70,776). 2016 - 2017

Yang, Y. (PI). *Enhancing hope for women offenders in drug treatment programs.*
Undergraduate Mini-grant ($2,000). Feb 2017

Yang, Y. (PI). *Investigating Treatment Outcomes for Justice-involved Individuals Referred to Community-based Substance Abuse Treatment.*
Undergraduate Mini-grant ($2,000). 2016

Yang, Y. (PI). *Investigating Treatment Outcomes for Clients Referred to Community-based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.*
Faculty Summer Research Award ($4,800). 2015

Yang, Y. (PI). *Investigating Treatment Outcomes for Clients Referred to Community-based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.* Submitted to Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation ($20,000). Unfunded. 2015

Yang, Y. (PI). *Exploring stress-related growth and psychological well-being among international students: A mixed-methods study.* Submitted to Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation ($20,000). Unfunded. 2014

Yang, Y. (PI). *Investigating Treatment Utilization, Progress, and Outcomes for Offenders Referred to Community-based Drug Treatment Programs.*
Submitted to Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund. Unfunded. 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Yang, Y. (2019). Measuring hope in jail inmates with substance use problems. Journal of *Federal Probation*, September.

Yang, Y., Li, M., & Lin, H-C. (2019). Parental rejection, resilience, and health-risk behavior in emerging adults. *American Journal of Health Behavior, 43*(5), 898-911. doi:0.5993/AJHB.43.5.3

Yang, Y., Perkins, R. D., & Stearsn, A. E. (2019). "I started to feel better now": Qualitative findings from client narratives on early recovery in inpatient substance use treatment. International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction. doi:10.1007/s11469-019-00107-z

Yang, Y., Gray, J., Joe, G. W., Flynn, P. M., & Knight, K. (2019). Treatment retention, satisfaction, and therapeutic progress for justice-involved individuals referred to community-based medication-assisted treatment. *Substance Use & Misuse, 54*(9). doi:10.1080/10826084.2019.1586949

Mallik, D., Bowen, S., **Yang, Y.**, Perkins, D. R., & Sandoz, E. K. (2018). Raja yoga meditation and medication-assisted treatment for relapse prevention: A pilot study. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.*
doi:10.1016/j.jsat.2018.10.012

Stearns, A. E., **Yang Y.**, & Boudreaux, L. (2018). Hope springs eternal: An exploration of hope at a local jail, *Women & Criminal Justice.*
doi:10.1080/08974454.2018.1450177

Yang, Y., Perkins, D. R., & Stearns, A. E. (2018). A qualitative study on barriers and facilitators to treatment engagement among clients in inpatient substance abuse treatment. *Qualitative Health Research, 28*(9), 1474-1485.
doi:10.1177/1049732318771005

Yang, Y. & Perkins, D. P. (2018). The relation between victimization, attachment, peer support, and drug treatment motivation in a jail-based sample: Mediation and moderation analyses. *Psychology, Crime & Law, 24*(8), 831-850.
doi:10.1080/1068316X.2018.1439029

Yang, Y., Pankow, J., Swan, H., Willett, J., Mitchell, S. G., Rudes, D. S., & Knight, K. (2017). Preparing for analysis: A critical step for procedural rigor in large-scale multisite qualitative research studies. *Quality & Quantity*, 1-14. doi:10.1007/s11135-017-0490-y

Lin, Hung-Chu., **Yang Y.**, McFatter, R., Biggar, R, & Perkins, R. (2017). Inmates' empathy in relation to perceived parenting and attachment working models. *Journal of Criminal Psychology, 7*(4), 302-318. doi:10.1108/JCP-09-2016-0024

Pankow, J., Willett, J, **Yang, Y.**, Swan, H., Dembo, R., Burdon, W., Patterson, Y., Pearson, F. S., Belenko, S., & Frisman, L. (2017). Evaluating fidelity to a modified NIATx process improvement strategy for improving HIV services in correctional facilities. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, 1-16. doi:10.1007/s11414-017-9551-1

Mitchell, S. G., Willett, J., Swan, H., Monico, L. B., **Yang, Y.**, Patterson, Y., Belenko, S., Schwartz, R. P., & Visher, C. A. (2015). Defining success: Insights from a random assignment, multi-site study of implementing HIV prevention, testing and linkage to care in US jails and prisons. *AIDS Education and Prevention, 27*(5), 432-445. doi:10.1521/aeap.2015.27.5.432

Visher, C., **Yang, Y.**, Mitchell, S. G., Patterson, Y., Swan, H., & Pankow, J. (2015). Understanding the sustainability of implementing HIV practices in criminal justice settings. *Health & Justice, 3*(5). doi:10.1186/s40352-015-0018-2

Lehman, W., Rowan-Szal, G. A., Greener, J. M., Joe, G. W., **Yang, Y.**, & Knight, K. (2015). Evaluation of WaySafe: A Disease-Risk Reduction Curriculum for substance-abusing offenders. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 58*, 25-32. doi:10.1016/j.jsat.2015.05.007

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan, Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. (2015). Gender as a moderator in predicting re-arrest among treated drug-involved offenders. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 49*, 65-70. doi:10.1016/j.jsat.2014.08.001

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. M. (2013). The Influence of client risks and treatment engagement on recidivism. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, 52*, 544-564. doi:10.1080/10509674.2013.840353

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Flynn, P. M., & Lehman, W. (2012). The impact of criminal thinking and treatment engagement on recidivism. *Offender Program Report*, November.

Yang, Y., & Deng, C. P. (2010). A study on the reliability and validity of Chinese Version of NASA-TLX Scale as a measurement of subjective fatigue after computer operation. *Chinese Journal of Psychological Research, 3*, 36-41.

ACCEPTED

Lin, H.-C., **Yang, Y.**, Elliot, L., & Green, E. (accepted; 2019). The associations between parental conflict, attachment anxiety, and somatic symptoms in adult children affected by parental separation: A biopsychosocial perspective. Journal of Divorce & Remarriage.

UNDER REVIEW

Stein, L. A. R., Bassett, S. S., Welsh, W., Clair-Michaud, M., Abdel-Salam, S., **Yang, Y.**, Monico, L., Gallagher, C., Murgo, C., Friedmann, P., Clarke, J. G., &; the CJ-DATS- 2 Assessment Work Group. Impact of fidelity of implementation on organizational outcomes in correctional treatment settings.

CONFERENCE

Yang, Y., Lin, H-C., Li, M., & Green, E. J. (August, 2019). Association between paternal rejection and health-risk behaviors in young adults: The moderation effect of resilience and gender. Annual Convention of American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Yang, Y., Lin, H-C., & Li, M. (May, 2019). Association between parental psychological control and health-risk behaviors among young adults: The role of depression. Annual Convention for Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C.

Lin, H-C., **Yang, Y.**, Elliott, L., & Green, E. J. (March, 2019). The differential roles of attachment anxiety in the pathways from parental conflict to somatic symptoms: Differences between divorced and intact families. International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France.

Yang, Y., Pankow, J., Flynn, P., Desmarais, S., Cohn, A., Doherty, S., & Knight, K. (June, 2018). Medication-assisted treatment for individuals on probation and parole: The role of drug cravings and socialization. College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Diego, CA.

Yang, Y., Lin, H-C., & Elliott, L. (May, 2018). Sex Differences in the Associations of Childhood Adversity to Psychosomatic Symptoms andGeneral Well-Being: The Roles of substance use and insecure attachment. Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Lin, H-C., **Yang, Y.**, & Elliott, L. (May, 2018). Parental care in adjustment to childhood adversity in adult children of parental divorce. Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Yang, Y. & Perkins, D. P. (October, 2017). The relation between victimization, attachment, peer support, and drug treatment motivation in a jail-based sample: Mediation and moderation analyses. Addiction Health Services Research, Madison, WI.

Lin, H., Zeanah, P., **Yang, Y.**, MacGyvers, V., & Richard, T. (April, 2017). Association between adverse childhood experiences and adult sexual self-esteem through attachment working models. The 2017 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Lin, H., **Yang Y.**, McDermott, M., & Zeanah, P. (April, 2017). Difficulties in emotion regulation exacerbates the relation between adverse childhood experiences and adult distress symptoms. The 2017 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Yang, Y., Grisham, M., Perkins, D. R., Bissel, R., Tuberville, S., Billeaudeaux, M., & Tacke, R. (October, 2016). The divergence of clients passing through a drug treatment program: A mixed-methods study on factors related to treatment completion and recovery progress. Oral presentation in panel at the Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Seattle, WA.

Perkins, D. R., **Yang, Y.**, Williams, K., Harris, N., & Curtis, R. (October, 2016). How victimization impacts drug treatment motivation for justice-involved individuals: The role of peer support and distorted thinking. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Seattle, WA.

Harrell, D., Richard, T., Grisham, M., Louviere, K., Comeaux, S., Perkins, D. R., & Yang, Y. (October, 2016). Examining the impact of personal irresponsibility and anxiety attachment on treatment motivation. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Seattle, WA.

Yang, Y., Ciping Deng, & Wei, W. (July, 2016). Factors influencing drug treatment motivation for drug-involved offenders: A sample from a metropolitan city in China. Oral presentation in panel at the 6th International Congress of Psychology, July 24-29, 2016 in Yokohama, Japan.

Lin, H.-C., **Yang, Y.**, McFatter, R., & Richard, P. Criminal offenders' dispositional empathy, perceived parental bonding, and attachment dimensions. Poster presentation at the 28th APS Annual Convention, May 26-29, 2016, in Chicago, IL, USA.

Grisham, M., Lin, H.-C., MacGyvers, V., **Yang, Y.**, Tacke, R., Leleux, D., Garber, K., Harrell, D., & Richard, T. Distressed yet empathically sensitive: The organization of preschoolers' behavioral responses to infant crying. Poster presentation at the 2016 International Conference on Infant Studies, May 26-28 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Grisham, M., Lin, H.-C., MacGyvers, V., **Yang, Y.**, Tacke, R., Leleux, D., Garber, K., Harrell, D., & Richard, T. To engage or disengage in an infant distress situation: Preschoolers' dispositions in empathy and social inhibition tell a story. Poster presented at the 2016 International Conference on Infant Studies, May 26-28 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

MacGyvers, V., Richard, T., Harrell, D., Jensen, A., Grisham, M., Garber, K., Tacke, R., **Yang, Y.**, & Lin, H.-C. People's attitudes toward breastfeeding in public: Individual variability. Poster presented at the 2016 International Conference on Infant Studies, May 26-28 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Yang, Y. & Perkins, D. R. (July, 2015). Substance abuse treatment for clients involved with criminal justice systems. Invited oral presentation at Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors & Trainers, Baton Rouge, LA.

Pankow, J., **Yang, Y.**, Knight, K., & Lehman, W. E. K. (2014, October). Optimizing continuity-of-care opportunities to reduce health risks: Shared qualitative perspectives from CJDATS 2 research. Oral presentation in panel at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Boston, MA.

Yang, Y., Gray, J., Pankow, J., Flynn, P. M., & Knight, K. (2014, October). Investigating treatment satisfaction and progress for offenders referred to community-based drug addiction treatment. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Boston, MA.

Cherry, A., Lehman, W. E. K., Pankow, J., **Yang, Y.**, Flynn, P. M., & Knight, K. (2013, October). Offender attitudes towards discharge recommendations. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Rowan, G. A., Lehman, W. E. K., Joe, G. W., Knight, K., & **Yang, Y.**. (2014, October). *WaySafe*: Improving decision making around health risk behaviors for prisoners transitioning back to the community. Oral presentation in symposium at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Boston, MA.

Pankow, J., **Yang, Y.**, Knight, K., Hiller, M., Willett, J., Cherry, A., Van Cleef, A.,& O'Connell, D. (2013, October). Barriers to implementing an improved HIV continuum of care in criminal justice settings. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Portland, OR.

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, G., Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. M. (2013, October). The impact of pretreatment injection drug use, drug use severity, and treatment experience on the effectiveness of *WaySafe*: A Disease-Risk-Reduction Intervention. Oral presentation in symposium Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Portland, OR.

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, G., Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. M. (2013, June). Sex/Gender difference in time to re-arrest and the impact of client risks and psychosocial functioning on the risk of re-arrest. Oral presentation in panel at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), San Diego, CA.

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, G., Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. M. (2013, June). Sex/Gender Difference in time to re-arrest and the impact of client risks and psychosocial functioning on the risk of re-arrest. Poster presented at the International Women and Children Health and Gender Working Group (InWomen), San Diego, CA.

Bartholomew, N. G., Rowan-Szal, G. A., **Yang, Y.**, Lehman, W. E. K., & Knight, K. (2013, March). Reducing HIV risks among reentry clients in criminal justice-based substance abuse: Overview of *WaySafe* Mapping your Way to a Healthy Future. Symposium presentation at the 6th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Chicago, IL.

Cherry, A. M., Lehman, W. E. K., Rowan-Szal, G. A., Bartholomew, N. G., & **Yang, Y.** (2013, March). Reducing HIV risks among reentry clients in criminal justice-based substance abuse: Criminal thinking and *WaySafe* performance. Symposium presentation at the 6th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Chicago, IL.

Lehman, W. E. K., Rowan-Szal, G. A., Bartholomew, N. G., Cherry, A. M., & **Yang, Y.** (2013, March). Reducing HIV risks among reentry clients in criminal justice-based substance abuse: *WaySafe* implementation. Symposium presentation at the

6th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Chicago, IL.

Rowan-Szal, G. A., Bartholomew, N. G., Lehman, W. E. K., Cherry, A. M., & **Yang, Y.** (2013, March). Reducing HIV risks among reentry clients in criminal justice-based substance abuse: Evidence of *WaySafe* effectiveness. Symposium presentation at the 6th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Chicago, IL.

Pankow, J., Gray, J., **Yang, Y.**, McFatrich, M., Flynn, P., & Knight, K. (2013, March). An examination of opposition, knowledge, and support for Medication-Assisted Treatment. Oral presentation in panel at the American Health Policy Conference in Corrections (AHPCC), Chicago, IL.

Yang, Y. Lehman, W. E. K., Rowan-Szal, G. A., Bartholomew, N. G., & Cherry, A. M. (2013, March). Reducing HIV risks among reentry clients in criminal justice-based substance abuse: Relationship of *WaySafe* and Toolkit return. Symposium presentation at the 6th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Chicago, IL.

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, G., Lehman, W., & Flynn, P. M. (2012, October). The impact of risk factors and treatment engagement on recidivism. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), New York City, NY.

Yang, Y., Knight, K., Rowan-Szal, G., Joe, G., & Lehman, W. (2012, April). A latent growth analysis of criminal thinking and treatment engagement among female drug offenders. Student Research Symposium, Texas Christian University, TX.

Rowan-Szal, G., Joe, G., Bartholomew, N., **Yang, Y.** & Lehman, W. (2011, October). Implementation of a Disease-Risk-Reduction Intervention for women offenders in residential substance abuse treatment. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Fairfax, VA.

Bartholomew, N., Joe, G., Rowan-Szal, G., Lehman, W. & **Yang, Y.** (2011, October). Pre-Custody HIV risk behavior as a factor in the effectiveness of *WaySafe*. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Fairfax, VA.

Lehman, W., Rowan-Szal, G., Joe, G., Bartholomew, N., **Yang, Y.** & Knight, K. (2011, October). Treatment engagement and success in *WaySafe*: A Disease-Risk-Reduction Intervention for offenders. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting (AHSR), Fairfax, VA.

OTHER REPORT

Deng, C. P. & **Yang, Y.** (2010). The assessment of psychological functioning of individuals with drug use problems in Shanghai City. *Government Report for Shanghai Anti-Drug Foundation.*

Yang, Y., Pankow, J., & McFatrich, M. K. (2012). CJ-DATS qualitative study process. *IBR Technical Report.* November, 2012.

Community Involvement

Lafayette Parish Drug Court Committee	Since Summer 2016
External Evaluator for Lafayette Veteran Drug Court	Since Spring 2016
Court Appointed Special Advocate	Fall 2015
Gateway in St. Louis Collect data, interview counselors Independent Research	Spring 2014
Gateway in Dallas Support staff in data administration CJ-DATS project	Fall 2011

Selected Honors and Awards

Research Rising Start Award University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2018
Faculty Research Travel Grant University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2016
Faculty Research Travel Grant University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2015
Outstanding Advisor Award University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2015

Editor and Reviewer Experience

Associate Editor - Journal of Child and Family Studies	Since 2016
Reviewer - Behavioral Science and the Law	2019
Reviewer - Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment	2018
Reviewer - Journal of Mixed Methods Research	2018
Reviewer - Qualitative Health Research	2018
Reviewer - Contemporary Clinical Trials	2018
Reviewer - Journal of Offender Rehabilitation	2017
Reviewer - Evaluation and Program Planning	2017
Reviewer - Criminal Justice and Behavior	2016
Reviewer - Journal of Child and Family Studies	2015
Reviewer - Journal of Mixed Methods Research	2014
Reviewer - Journal of Child and Family Studies	2014
Reviewer - Criminal Justice and Behavior	2014
Reviewer - Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy	2012

Additional Training Experience

Missing Data (April 5-6, 2018) by Paul Allison. Philadelphia, PA. Regression and Mediation Analysis Using Mplus (August 16, 2017) by Bengt Muthén and Mårten Schultzberg. Baltimore, MD. Dynamic SEM for Intensive Longitudinal Data Using Mplus (August 17-18, 2017) by Bengt Muthén, Tihomir Asparouhov, and Ellen Hamaker. Baltimore, MD.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS	SAS (Base and Advanced Certificates) R Mplus HLM JMP SPSS ATLAS.ti LaTeX
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	Association for Psychological Science American Psychological Association Associate Member, the College on Problems of Drug Dependence International Committee Member, the College on Problems of Drug Dependence