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Description

RIANA ELYSE ANDERSON is an assistant professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work in the department of Children, Youth and Families. She is also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leader. She earned her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Virginia, completed her predoctoral internship in clinical and community psychology at Yale University, and was a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania until 2017.

Anderson investigates how protective familial mechanisms such as parenting and racial socialization operate in the face of risks linked to poverty, discrimination and residential environment. She is particularly interested in how these factors predict familial functioning and subsequent child psychosocial well-being when people are enrolled in family-based interventions. She is the developer and director of the EMBRace (Engaging, Managing, and Bonding through Race) intervention and loves to translate her work for a variety of audiences, particularly those whom she serves in the community, via blogs, video and articles.

Industry Expertise

Childcare, Health and Wellness, Education/Learning, Mental Health Care

Topics

Program Development, Research, Psychology

Affiliations

Education

University of Virginia
PhD Clinical Psychology

University of Michigan
BA Psychology and Political Science

Accomplishments

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Citation for Excellence in Leadership and Innovation
University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education (2017)

Culture of Health Leaders Fellowship
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016)

Making a Difference in Healthcare Award
University of Michigan Black Alumni Association (2016)

Child Intervention, Prevention, & Services (CHIPS) Fellowship
National Institute of Mental Health (2016)

Sage Student Research Award
Association of Black Psychologists (2015)

Postdoctoral Award Recipient
Ford Foundation Fellowship Program (2015)

A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert Student Contribution Service Award
American Psychological Association Division 45 (2014)

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
University of Virginia, Office of Graduate Diversity (2014)

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
University of Virginia, Black Leadership Institute/NAACP (2014)

Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship
University of Virginia, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2013)

Graduate Service Award
University of Virginia, The Seven Society (2012)

Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship
Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Virginia Education Science Training (VEST) (2012)

LIFE Academy Fellowship
University of Virginia, Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics Course (2011)

Buffett Fellowship
University of Virginia, Center for Children, Families, and the Law (2011)

Diversity in Graduate Studies Fellowship
University of Virginia, Office of Graduate Student Diversity (2009)

Deanâ€™s Office Fellowship

University of Virginia, Department of Psychology (2009)

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