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The latest news and accomplishments of current and past doctoral students.



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UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL
ARKANSAS



Kendall
Sanders

- Robert L. Williams Scholarship from the Arkansas Association of Black Psychology Professionals

Student Awards

APA INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

KATHRYN ARMSTRONG

*University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences -
Adult Trauma, Recovery, & Justice Track
Little Rock, AR*

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*Texas State University
San Marcos, TX*

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*Medical College of Georgia/Charlie Norwood VA
- Child & Family Track
Augusta, GA*

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*Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center
Iron Mountain, MI*

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Fayetteville, AR*

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Hospital
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*National Psychology Training Consortium -
Traditional Track
Springfield, MO*

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Little Rock, AR*

Internships

Publications

Choi, Y., Kim, K., & Lee, S. (2026). Cults: Recruitment, abuse, the struggle to leave, and after effects. *Eye on Psi Chi*, 30(4), 40–43. <https://doi.org/10.24839/2164-9812.Eye30.4.40>

Khezri, M., Rahman, F., Alexander, M., Zielinski, M. J., & Bunting, A. M. (2025). Increased risk of non-fatal overdose associated with broad adverse childhood experiences among people who use drugs in New York City: A latent class analysis. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00952990.2025.2563052>

Presentations

Alexander, M., Cyrus, A., & Varghese, F. (2026, August 6-8). Leisure activities in association with criminal risk factors. [poster session]. APA 2026 Convention, Washington, DC, United States

Armstrong, K., DeJesus, K., Fowler, C., Gardner, R., Gibbons, C., Jeffrey, C. E., Owens, W., Penny, P., Sanders, K., Sestir, M., Theus, J., Turner, L., & Woker, H. (2025, October). Work locus of control as a predictor of attitudes toward artificial intelligence. [poster session]. Division 2 Society for the Teaching of Psychology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Fralick, L., Varghese, F., Price-Blackshear, M., (2026, August 6-8). Influence of ACEs on deviant behavior: The role of criminal thinking [poster session]. APA 2026 Convention, Washington, DC, United States

Gardner, J., Pack, K., Woker, H., & Varghese, F. (2026, August 6-8). Perception of job obtainment among justice-involved men. [poster session]. APA 2026 Convention, Washington, DC, United States

Phillips, S. & McLaughlin, A. (2026, March). Therapist cultural comfort with liminal religious identity. [poster session]. 2026 Southwestern Psychological Association Conference, Frisco, TX

Sanders, K., Yankah, N., & Jeffrey, C. E. (2025, October). To go back and get it: Understanding Black mothers, love, and radicalized parenting through a historical lens. [poster session]. Arkansas Psychological Association Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR.