

Ashley C. Johns

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

SUNRISE NATIVE RECOVERY – Scottsdale, AZ

Sunrise Native Recovery is a substance abuse rehabilitation program that provides evidence-based treatments paired with traditional healing methods for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Group Facilitator, 3/23 – Present

- Lead psychosocial classes of 5-15 patients per 60–120-minute session.
- Facilitate group lessons on topics ranging from substance abuse, mental health, physical health, life skills, cultural traditions, and more.
- Instruct lesson plans from Seeking Safety, an evidence-based treatment for individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders.
- Conduct assessments during new patient intake process, including a biopsychosocial assessment, Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), Generalized Anxiety Disorder assessment (GAD-7), and Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SOUTHWEST AUTISM RESEARCH AND RESOURCE CENTER (SARRC) – Phoenix, AZ

SARRC is a non-profit organization that conducts innovative research, provides evidence-based practices, and builds inclusive communities for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families.

Research Coordinator II, 7/21 – 3/23

Research Coordinator I, 5/21 – 7/21

Research Associate, 1/21 – 5/21

- Collaborated with the principal investigators of a National Science Foundation-funded project to make STEM-Learning environments more inclusive for individuals with ASD.
- Collected and organized data from quantitative and qualitative research studies.
- Prepared and submitted materials for Institutional Review Board applications.
- Supervised and trained three Research Associates and oversaw organization-wide recruitment goals for clinical trials.
- Instructed the PEERS[®] program, a 16-week evidence-based social skills intervention program for teens with ASD who are interested in making and keeping friends.
- Conducted standardized assessments for research and diagnostic purposes, including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2 (ADOS-2), Autism Diagnostic Interview, Revised (ADI-R), Mullen Scales of Early Learning (MSEL), Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Third Edition, (VABS-3) Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test 2nd Edition (KBIT-2), and Wechsler Abbreviated Scale Intelligence (WASI-II).
- Research reliable on ADI-R and all modules of the ADOS-2 and credentialed to administer these assessments for research and clinical purposes.
- Co-developed SARRC's Research Community Advisory Panel, an advisory panel of stakeholders who are passionate about advancing autism research.
- Interviewed and made hiring decisions for incoming research associates.
- Recruited participants for research studies via phone, email, social media, and community events.

PUBLICATIONS

Stadheim, J., **Johns, A.**, Mitchell, M., Smith, C. J., Braden, B. B., & Matthews, N. L. (2022, June). A qualitative examination of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and adolescents with autism and their parents. *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, 125(104232).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ridd.2022.104232>

PRESENTATIONS

Johns, A., Koke, J., Babendure, J. Verbeke, M., Smith, C. (2022, September). Building Capacity for Inclusive STEM Learning. Presented at the STEM & Innovation Summit 2022 hosted by SciTech Institute and Arizona Science Center. Phoenix, AZ

Johns, A., Anbar, J., Kiefer, S., Smith, C. (2022, May). Building Inclusive Informal STEM Learning Opportunities for People with ASD. Presented at the International Society of Autism Research conference. Austin, TX

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UPWORK GLOBAL INC. – Chicago, IL

Upwork is an on-demand work marketplace and freelancing platform.

Mid-Market Account Executive, 7/19 – 11/20

- Consulted and guided clients through the buying journey of our suite of enterprise products.
- Led multiple team trainings with topics ranging from building a pipeline, market trends, and objection handling.

YELP INC. – Chicago, IL

Yelp is a publisher of crowd-sourced business reviews.

Sales Manager, 6/18 – 6/19

Account Executive, 6/16 – 5/18

- Managed a team of 10 Account Executives, generating over \$250,000 in revenue each fiscal quarter.
- Averaged over 115% of my sales quota.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Vice President, Native American and Hispanic Business Students

Michigan State University, 8/14 - 5/15

Program Counselor, Native American Business Institute

Michigan State University, 2014 & 2015

Liaison, Native American and Hispanic Business Students

Michigan State University, 8/13 - 5/14

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP

First Place Recipient, Multicultural Heroes Hall of Fame Case Competition

Michigan State University, 2016

Recipient, Emmanuel Martinez Scholarship

Michigan State University, 2013

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Member, Wellness Committee, SARRC, 1/22 – 3/23
Therapeutic Riding Volunteer, Robinson Ranch, 2/21 - 8/21
Volunteer Tutor, Tutoring Chicago, 1/19 - 5/21
Board Member, Community Council, Upwork, 9/19 - 1/20
Member, DiverseBurst, Yelp, 6/16 - 6/19
College Algebra Tutor, Michigan State University, 8/13 - 5/16

LANGUAGES

English, Fluent
Spanish, Intermediate/Advanced in listening, reading, and writing

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, International Society for Autism Research, 2021 & 2022

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Eli Broad College of Business - East Lansing, MI
Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0, 8/12 – 8/16
Bachelor of Arts in Marketing with a Minor in Spanish

REFERENCES

Dr. Christopher Smith, csmith@autismcenter.org, 602-218-8192
Dr. Nicole Matthews, nmatthews@autismcenter.org, 480-582-9499
Dr. Kevin Leonard, leonard1@msu.edu, 517-353-8977