

## Mikayla R. Carson, MS

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### PROFESSIONAL POSITION(S)

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<b>Lab Instructor &amp; Research Manager</b>	<b>2023 – Present</b>
Haverford College, Haverford, PA	

### EDUCATION

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<b>Master of Science in Experimental Psychology</b>	<b>2021 – 2023</b>
Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA	
Cumulative GPA: 4.00	
Mentor: Jodi Mindell, PhD, DBSM	
Thesis: <i>Symptoms of Sleep Disordered Breathing and Associated Outcomes in Preschool-Aged Children</i>	

<b>Bachelor of Science in Psychology (clinical concentration)</b>	<b>2018 – 2022</b>
Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , Minor in Art Therapy	
Cumulative GPA (overall): 3.98	
Cumulative GPA (psych): 4.00	

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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Graduate Psychology Award	<b>2023</b>
Exceptional Service to the Honors Program (First Recipient)	<b>2022</b>
University Honors, Saint Joseph's University	<b>2022</b>
Dr. Henrik S. Arnesen Award, Undergraduate Psychology Award	<b>2022</b>
Phi Beta Kappa (US Academic Honors Society)	<b>2021</b>
Psi Chi (International Psychology Honors Society)	<b>2020</b>
Dean's List, Saint Joseph's University	<b>2018 – 2022</b>
Provost Scholarship for leadership, academics, and community engagement	<b>2018 – 2022</b>
Presidential Scholarship for outstanding academic and achievements records	<b>2018 – 2022</b>

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Post-Graduate Research Coordinator and Assistant** **2023 – Present**

- Lead research coordinator of a randomized control trial in collaboration with Philadelphia nonprofit, Beds for Kids, to investigate the impact of bed and sleep health education provision on sleep in children ages 8-12 years and living in poverty
- Assist with survey building and preparation of manuscripts and poster presentations

**Research Intern and Volunteer** **2022 – 2023**

*Division of Cardiology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

Supervisors: Kristen Lanzilotta, MS and Courtney Vu, MS

Primary Investigators: Joseph W. Rossano, MD, FAAP, FACC and Kimberly Y. Lin, MD

- Navigated Epic and input echocardiogram data into REDCap for a registry designed to enhance the understanding and treatment of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and other genetic heart diseases in children
- Assisted with rectification of incorrect and incomplete CMRI, ambulatory monitoring, echocardiogram, stress test, cardiac event, and cardiology visit historical data collected for the hypertrophic cardiomyopathy registry
- Assisted with physical organization and electronic log for thousands of consent forms
- Shadowed clinicians and researchers in the Division of Cardiology

**Graduate Research Coordinator** **2021 – 2023**

*Department of Psychology, Saint Joseph's University*

Mentor: Jodi Mindell, PhD, DBSM and Ariel Williamson, PhD, DBSM

- Lead research coordinator of a randomized control trial in collaboration with Philadelphia nonprofit, Beds for Kids, to investigate the impact of bed and sleep health education provision on sleep in children ages 8-12 years and living in poverty
- Assisted with creation of project materials, including IRB application/materials, Qualtrics surveys, and participant tracking sheets
- Trained and supervised undergraduate and graduate research assistants
- Coordinated with community-based interventionists

**Graduate Research Assistant****2021 – 2023***Behavior, Emotions, Development, and Sleep Laboratory (BEDS Lab)**Sleep Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

Supervisors: Jodi Mindell, PhD, DBSM and Ariel Williamson, PhD, DBSM

- Assisted with creation and testing of project materials, including REDCap and Qualtrics surveys
- Coordinated and input data at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia site for a national registry which aimed to better understand narcolepsy in the pediatric population
- Attended ongoing supervision and lab meetings

**Graduate Research Assistant****2021 – 2023***Pediatric Sleep Lab, Department of Psychology, Saint Joseph's University*

Supervisors: Jodi Mindell, PhD, DBSM and Erin Leichman, PhD

- Delivered bedtime routine education intervention to families (e.g., creation of individualized bedtime routines) at baseline and follow-up in a study partnered with Temple Pediatrics'
- Assisted with literature reviews, abstract writing, manuscript preparation, and poster presentation preparation
- Cleaned, created syntax, and conducted data analyses using SPSS
- Attended ongoing supervision and lab meetings

**Honors Capstone Project****2021 – 2022***Department of Psychology, Saint Joseph's University*

Mentor: Jodi Mindell, PhD, DBSM and Ariel Williamson, PhD, DBSM

- Examined discrepancy between caregiver-reported sleep problems (habitual snoring, behavioral sleep problems, sleep health problems) and clinician-documented sleep problems and management
- Developed project, conducted data analyses using SPSS, prepared manuscript

**Undergraduate Research Assistant****2019 – 2021***Pediatric Sleep Lab, Department of Psychology, Saint Joseph's University*

Supervisor: Jodi Mindell, PhD

- Delivered bedtime routine education intervention to families (e.g., creation of individualized bedtime routines) at baseline and follow-up in a study partnered with Temple Pediatrics
- Collected and coded publicly available data, including data from Twitter, YouTube, Apple App Store, and Google Play App store
- Assisted with the organization of International Baby Sleep Day and application materials for educational sleep webinars designed for clinicians, nurse practitioners, and postdoc individuals in a clinical setting dealing with pediatric sleep

**Undergraduate Research Assistant****2018 – 2020***Developmental Psychology Lab, Department of Psychology, Saint Joseph's University*

Supervisor: Clare Conry-Murray, PhD

- Obtained informed consent and conducted structured interviews on young children's (ages 5-6 and 9-11 years old) and college students' moral reasonings
- Transcribed and coded interviews
- Assisted with the design and implementation of studies
- Attended ongoing supervision and lab meetings

**MANUSCRIPTS**

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**Carson, M.,** Moore, M. Cicalese, O., Dunnewald, M., Varker, A., Mindell, J.A., & Williamson, A. *Variation in Twitter posts referencing pediatric sleep aids.* Sleep Health. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2023.04.009>

**Carson, M.,** Cicalese, O., Bhandari, E., Stefanovski, D., Fiks, A.G., Mindell, J.A., & Williamson, A.A. *Discrepancies between caregiver reported early childhood sleep problems and clinician documentation and referral.* Academic Pediatrics. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acap.2023.02.001>

**PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

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**Carson, M. R.,** Lamanna, E. M., Dunnewald, M., Fay, K., Kyck, F., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2022). *Sleep in children in need of a bed and living in poverty.* Sleep, 45, A226-227.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Carson, M.,** Dunnewald, M., Lamana, E., Fay, K., Kyck, F., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2023, June). *Feasibility and acceptability of personalized sleep health education as part of bed provision for families living in poverty.* Poster presentation upcoming for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Sleep Societies meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Mindell, J. A., **Carson, M. R.,** Leichman, E. S., Gould, R., Alunkal, L., Mack, C., & Walters, R. (2023, June). *Sleep, early solid introduction, and allergic disease in infancy.* Poster presentation upcoming for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Sleep Societies meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Lam, J. T. Y., Salih, Z., **Carson, M. R.,** Dunnewald, M., Waisfeld, A., Randazzo, I., Heere, M., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2023, June). *Linkages between a consistent bedtime routine, child outcomes, and parenting stress in toddlers presenting to primary care.* Poster presentation upcoming for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Sleep Societies meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

**Carson, M. R.,** Leichman, E. S., Rotella, K., & Mindell, J. A. (2022, October). *Maternal outcomes related to maternal sleep quality and infant sleep patterns*. Poster presented at the virtual meeting of the International Pediatric Sleep Association.

**Carson, M. R.,** Lamanna, E. M., Dunnewald, M., Fay, K., Kyck, F., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2022, October). *Sleep ecology and outcomes in children living in poverty and without a bed*. Poster presented at the virtual meeting of the International Pediatric Sleep Association.

**Carson, M. R.,** Lamanna, E. M., Dunnewald, M., Fay, K., Kyck, F., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2022, June). *Sleep in children in need of a bed and living in poverty*. Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Sleep Societies meeting, Charlotte, NC.

**Carson, M. R.,** Leichman, E. S., & Mindell, J. A. (2022, April). *Sleep in maternal-infant dyads and related maternal outcomes*. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium, Saint Joseph's University.

**Carson, M. R.,** Lamanna, E. M., Dunnewald, M., Fay, K., Kyck, F., Mindell, J. A., & Williamson, A. A. (2022, June). *Sleep disturbances, impairment, and practices in children living in poverty and in need of a bed*. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium, Saint Joseph's University.

Lam, J. T. Y., **Carson, M. R.,** Jump, S., Mindell, J. A., Meltzer, L. J. (2021, December). *Environmental scan of publicly-available electronic sleep resources for school-aged children and adolescents*. Poster presented at the virtual Pediatric Sleep Medicine conference.

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Undergraduate Intern**

**Jan 2021 – Aug 2021**

*The Social Enrichment Center*

Supervisor: Lila Finley

- Assisted in note taking and teaching social skills lessons using Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and play therapy for children ages 3-22 years old during individual and group therapy sessions
- Collected, tracked, and organized clients' skill and behavioral data
- Assisted in creating therapy materials and training new summer interns
- Attended ongoing supervision meetings

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Teaching Assistant:** Psychology of Media **Spring 2023**  
*Saint Joseph's University*  
Supervisor: Phyllis Anastasio, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Social Psychology **Spring 2023**  
*Saint Joseph's University*  
Supervisor: Phyllis Anastasio, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Cognitive Psychology (2 sections) **Spring 2023**  
*Saint Joseph's University (University of the Sciences Legacy)*  
Supervisor: Vinaya Rajan, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Statistics for the Social Sciences **Spring 2023**  
*Saint Joseph's University*  
Supervisor: Jodi Mindell, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Intro Psychology Seminar **Fall 2022**  
*Saint Joseph's University*  
Supervisor: Patrick Garrigan, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Intro Psychology Seminar **Fall 2022**  
*Saint Joseph's University (University of the Sciences Legacy)*  
Supervisor: Vinaya Rajan, PhD
- Teaching Assistant:** Research Seminar: Sleep **Fall 2022**  
*Saint Joseph's University*  
Supervisor: Jodi Mindell, PhD

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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**Psi Chi Mentor****2021 – 2022***Honors Program, Saint Joseph's University*

- Provided guidance to 3 undergraduate psychology majors
- Hosted and attended events to learn more about the students I mentored and help them with course related questions

**Honors Mentor****2020 – 2022***Honors Program, Saint Joseph's University*

- Provided guidance to 21 first-year undergraduate students across different major disciplines, including psychology, political science, economics, finance, English, criminal justice, and art
- Hosted group events to learn more about the students and provided students with guidance regarding courses and campus life
- Provided students with resources to promote excellence in scholarship
- Met individually with students during registration to facilitate the registration process and answer questions about honors requirements

**Co-Coordinator of Honors Mentorship Program****2020 – 2022***Honors Program, Saint Joseph's University*

- Met with the University of the Sciences honors program president and attended events at the University of the Sciences to facilitate merger efforts
- Created program parameters, mentor applicant materials, and resources for honors students to facilitate their academic experience and promote excellence in scholarship
- Interviewed, trained, and hosted meetings with co-coordinators and mentors to ensure first year students were getting the desired mentorship
- Paired over 200 first year students with a mentor, and held office hours for the honors student body to answer questions pertaining to the program, academics, and campus life
- Planned events for students to facilitate socialization, networking, and mental health breaks for honors students
- Attended and spoke at honors program events for first year students and newly accepted students and their families
- Attended ongoing meetings with the honors Director and honors Associate Director

**Club Field Hockey Co-Captain****2020 – 2022***Saint Joseph's University*

- Organized schedules, COVID-19 symptom disclosure forms, drills, plays and line-ups for practices and games
- Collected dues and budgeted funds towards invoices, expenses, and travel
- Documented and reported scores from any home games on the National Field Hockey League website
- Assisted in creating constitution and attended leadership and safety trainings

**RELEVANT UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK**


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Developmental Psychology	A	Multicultural Psychology	A
Research Methods	A	Stats for the Social Sciences	A
Biological Basis of Behavior	A	Personality Psychology	A
Ethics in Psychology	A	Adv. Abnormal Psychology	A
Psychological Assessment	A	Clinical Psychology	A
Research Sem: Sleep	A	Animal Learning and Memory	A
Gender Matters	A	Art Therapy	A
Internship II	A		

**GRADUATE COURSEWORK**


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Directed Studies I Honors	A	Adv. Research Methods & Stats I	A
Directed Studies II Honors	A	Adv. Research Methods & Stats II	A
Psychology of Parenting	A	Brain and Brain Injury	A
Masters Research I	P	Forensic Psychology	A
Behavioral Medicine	A	Gerontology	A
Masters Research II	P	Data Vis. & Performance Analytics	A
Independent Research	A		

**COMPUTER AND RESEARCH SKILLS**


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SPSS	Jamovi	R Studio
Qualitative research design	Quantitative research design	Academic writing
Qualtrics	REDCap	OnCore
Epic	Microsoft Office 365 Applications	