

# UC **SANTA BARBARA**

Gevirtz Graduate School of Education  
Department of Counseling, Clinical  
and School Psychology

Commencement  
Class of 2025

June 12, 2025





## **COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

### **WELCOME**

Dr. Jeffrey F. Milem

*Jules Zimmer Dean of the Gevirtz School*

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Steven Smith

*Department Chair*

### **CALL OF PH.D. CANDIDATES**

Meghan Carlsen Evans

Advisor: Dr. Maryam Kia-Keating

Danny Feinberg

Advisor: Dr. Matthew Quirk

Isabel López

Advisor: Dr. Andrés J. Consoli

Alessandra (Allie) Mittelstet

Advisor: Dr. Shane Jimerson

Alice Mullin

Advisor: Dr. Jill Sharkey

Amaranta (Amy) Ramirez

Advisor: Dr. Alison Cerezo

Kaylin Russell

Advisor: Dr. Ty Vernon

Madeline Spiess

Advisor: Dr. Erin Dowdy

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Steven Smith

## PH.D. CANDIDATES



### **Meghan Carlsen Evans**

**Degree:** Ph.D., Clinical Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Maryam Kia-Keating

**Dissertation:**

*"Former Foster Youth Perspectives on Cultural Humility and Trauma-Informed Parenting in Foster Parents"*

**Internship:** UC Davis Children's Hospital, CAARE Center



### **Danny Feinberg**

**Degree:** Ph.D., School Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Matthew Quirk

**Dissertation:**

*"Toward Increased Cultural Responsivity in Measurement: Rasch Analysis of a Culturally Contextualized Measure of Parental Engagement for Latinx Parents of Preschool Children"*

**Internship:** The Help Group

## PH.D. CANDIDATES



**Isabel López**

**Degree:** Ph.D., Counseling Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Andrés J. Consoli

**Dissertation:**

*"Donde Usted Vaya, Tiene Que Demostrar lo que es Usted: A Phenomenological Approach of Migration, Aging, Mental Health, and Cultural Identity Experiences Among Older Bolivian Immigrants in the United States"*

**Internship:** Arizona State University  
Counseling Services



**Alessandra (Allie) Mittelstet**

**Degree:** Ph.D., School Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Shane Jimerson

**Dissertation:**

*"Meta-analysis of Grade Retention Research: Examining the Empirical Evidence from the United States in the 21st Century"*

**Internship:** Santa Barbara  
Psychological Internship Consortium  
(SB-PIC)

## PH.D. CANDIDATES



### Alice Mullin

Degree: Ph.D., School Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Jill Sharkey

Dissertation:

*"Exploring Educators' Perspectives on Implementing Trauma Informed Practices in Schools (TIPS) using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR)"*

Internship: University of Maryland  
School of Medicine,  
School Mental Health Track



### Amaranta (Amy) Ramirez

Degree: Ph.D., Counseling Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Alison Cerezo

Dissertation:

*"The Queer Social Connectedness Scale: Building a Measure of Social Connection on Social Media for LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults"*

Internship: Washington State  
University Counseling and  
Psychological Services

## PH.D. CANDIDATES



### Kaylin Russell

**Degree:** Ph.D., Clinical Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Ty Vernon

**Dissertation:**

*"STARS: Social Tools And Rules for Children on the Autism Spectrum"*

**Internship:** University of Colorado  
School of Medicine



### Madeline Spiess

**Degree:** Ph.D., School Psychology

**Advisor:** Dr. Erin Dowdy

**Dissertation:**

*"An Exploration and Enhanced Approach to Addressing Teacher Well-Being in Schools"*

**Internship:** Western Youth Services



**Congratulations from the  
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**CCSP FACULTY**

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