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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship 2026 - Present	Innovations Institute, School of Social Work, University of Connecticut Storrs, CT Supervisor: Tony Bonadio, Ph.D.
Predoctoral Internship 2026	VA Maryland Health Care System/University of Maryland Psychology Internship Consortium , Baltimore, MD (APA-accredited) Track: School Mental Health Training Directors: Moira Dux, Ph.D. & Nancy Lever, Ph.D.
Ph.D. 2026	University of South Carolina , Columbia, SC Major: Clinical-Community Psychology Concentration: Quantitative Psychology Dissertation title: Opening the “black box” of decision processes in clinical supervision: Tactics, strategies, and influences Advisor: Kimberly D. Becker, Ph.D.
M.A. 2022	University of South Carolina , Columbia, SC Major: Clinical-Community Psychology Thesis title: Predicting therapists’ intentions to use an innovation: The role of innovation-specific, individual, and organizational factors Advisor: Kimberly D. Becker, Ph.D.
B.A. 2018	University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa , Honolulu, HI Major: Psychology <i>Summa cum laude</i> , Highest Honors in Psychology
A.A. 2017	Kapi‘olani Community College , Honolulu, HI Major: Liberal Arts

GRANTS

2019	<i>Defining “Native Hawaiian”: Blood Quantum, Ancestry, and Culture</i> University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa PI: Jon Ahuna (Co-PI: Sasaki) Total Award: \$1000
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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published/Accepted

- Wu, E.W., Becker K.D., Park, H.P., Isenberg, B., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Arkin, S., & Chorpita, B.F. (2026).
Gaps in detection: Comparing provider- and client-reported indicators of engagement in

youth telemental health. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 1–14.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15374416.2026.2626905>

5. Wu, E.W., Becker, K.D., Chu, W.C., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Lakind, D., Boyd, M.B., Reeder, K., Park, H.P., Knudsen, K., Guan, K., Arkin, S., Bradley, W. J., & Chorpita, B.F. (2026). Expanding integrity in mental health care: A coding system for measuring targets, practices, and steps. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 1–19.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15374416.2025.2587175>
4. Park, H.P., Becker K.D., Chu, W.C., Reeder, K.R., Lechuga, C., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Wu, E.W., Darden, L., Williams, R., Serrano, R., & Chorpita, B.F. (2025). Identification of potential therapist "missteps" in the context of engagement in public mental health services: Analysis of digital recordings and key informant validation. *Psychotherapy Research*, 1–15.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10503307.2025.2521792>
3. **Ahuna, J.K.** & Becker, K.D. (2024) Scoping review of naturalistic decision making studies among mental health professionals: Coverage of characteristics and contexts. *Journal of Cognitive Engineering and Decision Making*, 19(1), 96–129.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/15553434241303806>
2. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Becker K.D., & Chorpita, B.F. (2023). Predicting therapists' intentions to use innovations: Comparing the role of individual, organizational, and innovation characteristics. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 50, 946–965. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-023-01295-6>
1. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Hee, P.J., & Mueller, C.W. (2021). Process, practices, and outcomes of trauma-focused services in a statewide treatment foster care program. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 129, Article 106172. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.106172>

PRESENTATIONS

12. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Becker, K.D., & Chorpita, B.F. (2025, December). *From insight to action: Strengthening clinical decision making in school mental health supervision*. Presented at the 2025 Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, Orlando, FL.
11. Figas, K., Levine, S., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Garcia, K., Gomez, N., Whitmire, S., & Harrison, S. (2025, April) *Review of state policy on school-based substance use prevention and intervention in the Southeast*. Poster presented at the 12th Annual Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
10. Wu, E.G., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Becker, K.D., & Chorpita, B.F. (2024, December). *Navigating complexity when supporting family engagement: Lessons from the frontlines and the literature*. Presented at the 2024 Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, Orlando, FL.
9. Boyd, M.R., Knudsen, K.S., & **Ahuna, J.K.** (2023, November). Supporting effective and sustained clinical practice: Connecting supervision with intervention. In K.D. Becker & Chorpita, B.F. (Chairs), *Reaching Families: Designing and testing a coordinated knowledge system to improve service quality and treatment engagement for youth and families*. [Symposium]. The 57th annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Seattle, WA.

8. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Becker, K.D., & Chorpita, B.F., (2022, November). *Predicting therapists' intentions to use an innovation: The role of innovation-specific, individual, and organizational factors*. Poster presented at the 56th annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
7. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Hee, P.J., Orimoto, T.E., Jackson, D.S., & Mueller, C.W. (2020, November). *Examining treatment foster care through a practice element, treatment target, and progress lens*. Poster presented at the 54th annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
6. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Matro, A.T.K.M., Jackson D.S., & Mueller, C.W. (2019, November). *Targeting trauma in community care therapeutic foster homes: Practice and outcomes*. Poster presented at the 53rd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.
5. **Ahuna, J.K.**, Turner, E.H., & Mueller, C.W. (2019, November). *Gender, age, and level of impairment predict strength-based treatment focus in children's community mental health*. Poster presented at the 53rd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.
4. Maesaka, T.J., **Ahuna, J.K.**, Jackson D.S., Mueller, L.O., Orimoto, T.E., & Mueller, C.W. (2019, November). *Developing local norms for a statewide system of care: Leveraging Ohio Scales youth externalizing scores in clinical and community samples*. Poster presented at the 53rd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.
3. Jackson, D.S., Orimoto, T.E., Hee, P.J., Maesaka, T., **Ahuna, J.K.**, & Mueller, C.W. (2019, May). *Provider decision support collaborative (DSCo): Spring 2019*. Presented at the Provider Monthly Meeting of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the State of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI.
2. Orimoto, T.E., Okamura, K.H., Sender, M., **Ahuna, J.K.**, & Jackson, D.S. (2019, March) Using local data to build digital decision-making tools and policies. In C.W. Mueller (Chair), *Listening to voices, enacting vision: Practice-based research and data-informed policy decisions in Hawaii's system of care*. [Symposium]. The 32nd Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
1. Holmes, K.L., Orimoto, T.E., Jackson, D.S., **Ahuna, J.K.**, & Mueller, C.W. (2018, November). *Investigation of the relationship between number of treatment targets and improvement ratings*. Poster presented at the 52nd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Washington, D.C.

FELLOWSHIPS

2024 – 2025	Integrated Care for Recovery (I-CaRe) Center Health Resources and Services Administration Total Award: \$25,000
2020 – 2024	Presidential Fellowship

University of South Carolina
Total Award: \$38,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	Intern of the Year , VA Maryland Health Care System/University of Maryland Psychology Internship Consortium
2025	Internship Travel Scholarship , \$1000, American Psychological Foundation
2025	Laura Griffin Award , \$750, University of South Carolina
2025	Best Overall Poster , 12 th Annual Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference
2023	Travel Award , \$500, University of South Carolina
2022	Travel Award , \$500, University of South Carolina
2018	Psychology Scholarship for Academic Excellence , \$1300, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2018	Dean’s List , University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2017	Dean’s List , University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2015	Dean’s List , Kapi‘olani Community College
2014	Dean’s List , Kapi‘olani Community College

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2023 – Present	Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)
2023 – Present	ABCT Dissemination and Implementation Science Special Interest Group