



Ms. Jamie Smith completed her B.S. in psychology in 2014 and M.S. in 2016 at Missouri State University. She began pursuing her doctoral degree at UNM in August 2016 and her advisor noted that she is an outstanding student. Ms. Smith's research is in the area of eating disorders and body image, including intuitive eating, dieting in college, and the impact of the mother-daughter relationship on girls' body image. She will be completing her yearlong internship at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center in North Carolina. During internship, Jamie is looking forward to advanced training in working with veterans with a focus on PTSD treatments and health psychology. She is enthusiastic about pursuing a career as a clinical scientist. She feels that the issues and dilemmas that face the future of psychology are best addressed by active involvement in policy and advocacy. She is passionate about the field of psychology and as a Member-in-Training Representative she is advocating for changes on behalf of graduate students and making vital professional connections.

Violeta 'Blanca' Jaure LPCC, LADAC is a native New Mexican, who has been a therapist in the southwest for the last ten years. Currently, she is a doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology Program at NMSU as well as working towards becoming a registered play therapist. Blanca attained her M.A. in Counseling and Educational Psychology from NMSU in 2008. As a mental health therapist, she is trained and certified in a variety of approaches and techniques to treat substance abuse, trauma, depression, anxiety, ADHD and many other issues related to mental health. She has worked in multiple community mental health centers as well as spent much of her career as a mental health therapist in school-based health centers across the state of New Mexico working with children and adolescents. Her research is focused on addiction and recovery in rural areas of NM, mindfulness, mindful parenting, poverty, resiliency, and perceptions of mental health care within rural, high risk adolescent populations.





Cory J. Cascalheira, B.A. (he / him / his) is a graduate student in the Department of Counseling & Educational Psychology at New Mexico State University. His research interests include experiences of oppression, resistance, and resilience among marginalized populations, especially sexual and gender minorities and people with alternative sexualities, and how these experiences impact identity, well-being, and mental health outcomes. Clinically, he has experience delivering cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness-based therapies during individual and group interventions with people suffering from homelessness, addiction, recidivism, academic distress, anxiety, body image concerns, and compulsive behaviors. Cory has worked in college counseling centers and community behavioral health settings. Currently, he serves as a practicum counselor and graduate research assistant. He is dedicated to community outreach and looks forward to serving with NMPA.

Ms. Isabel Solis completed her B.S. and her M.S. in psychology at UNM. Her research focus is in the area of Pediatric Neuroscience, including studying risk factors of social bullying and its relationship to developmental psychopathology. Her dissertation research aims to identify risk factors for peer bullying victimization using multi-modal methods including neuropsychological and neuroimaging. Isabel is bilingual, has co-chaired the Diversity Organization at UNM, and is interested in remaining in New Mexico to work to remedy the health disparities that persist. She hopes her research will produce policy change. As a Member-In-Training Representative, Ms. Solis is focused on enhancing her leadership skills, effecting change, and encouraging fellow trainees to become more involved in NMPA.

