

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Undergraduate 09/01/05-06/30/99	B.A., Barnard College of Columbia University, New York, Major: Psychology
Graduate 09/01/00-05/01/05	M.A. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, June 2002 Major: Clinical Psychology
	Ph.D. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, June 2005 Major: Clinical Psychology
Internship 07/01/04- 06/30/05	McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School, APA approved internship in Clinical Psychology

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Postdoctoral Fellowship 07/01/05-06/30/07	Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island Postdoctoral Research Associate, Clinical-Research track
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POSTGRADUATE HONORS AND AWARDS

2006, 2008, 2010, 2011 NIH Loan Repayment Program Award
(Pediatric Psychology)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State of Rhode Island - Licensed Psychologist (#PS00981)
State of Massachusetts - Licensed Psychologist (#8857)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

07/07/08-Present	Assistant Professor (Research), Dept. Psychiatry and Human Behavior Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
04/01/10- present	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

09/01/07– present Staff Psychologist, Dept. of Child and Family Psychiatry
Rhode Island Hospital

09/01/07– present Staff Psychologist
Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

July 2007- present Assistant Director, Rhode Island Family Court, Juvenile Mental
Health Clinic

EDITORIAL COMMITTEES

Invited guest reviewer Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, Psychiatric Services,
Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Journal of
Adolescent Health, Psychological Medicine, Journal of Social and
Personal Relationships, Journal of Personality Disorders, Journal of
Applied Developmental Psychology, American Journal of Preventive
Medicine

COMMITTEES

January 2012- present Technology Committee, Brown University Psychology Training
Consortium

September 2009-Present Child Maltreatment and Interpersonal Violence SIG - Association for
Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES

Member, *American Psychological Association*
Member, *APA Division 12, Society for a Science of Clinical Psych.*
Member, *APA Division 53, Society of Clinical Child & Adoles. Psych.*
Member, *Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies*
Member, *Society for Research on Adolescence*
Member, *Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society*

PEER REVIEW

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Society on Research of Child Development: 2013
Biennial Meeting Submission Review, " Adolescence: Emotional
Processes & Personality" Panel, November 2012

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Society on Research of Adolescence: 2010 Biennial Meeting Submission Review, "Psychopathology and Problem Behaviors" Panel, August 2009

Ad Hoc Reviewer, APA Division 53 (Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology): 2010 Conference Submission Review Panel, December 2009

PUBLICATIONS LIST

ORIGINAL PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Seidman, S.N., Spatz, E. **Rizzo, C.**, & Roose, S.P. (2001). Testosterone replacement therapy for hypogonadal men with major depressive disorder: A randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, *62* (6), 406-412.
2. Daley, S.E., **Rizzo, C.J.**, & Gunderson, B.H. (2006). The Longitudinal Relation between Personality Disorder Symptoms and Depression in Adolescence: The Mediating Role of Interpersonal Stress. *Journal of Personality Disorders*, *20* (4)
3. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Daley, S.E. & Gunderson, B.H. (2006). Interpersonal Sensitivity, Romantic Stress, and the Prediction of Depression: A Study of Inner-City, Minority Adolescent Girls. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *35* (3), 444-453.
4. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Esposito-Smythers, C, Swenson, L.P. et al., (2007). Factors Associated With Mental Health Service Utilization Among Bipolar Youth. *Bipolar Disorders*, *9*(8), 839-850.
5. Swenson, L.P., Esposito-Smythers, C, **Rizzo, C.J.**, et al., (2007). Validation of the Children's Interview for Psychiatric Syndromes (ChIPS) with Psychiatrically Hospitalized Adolescents. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, *46*(11), 1482-1490.
6. Esposito-Smythers, C., **Rizzo, C.**, McGeary, J. & Spirito, A. (2009) Associations of the DRD2 TaqIA Polymorphism with Impulsivity and Substance Use: Preliminary Results from a Clinical Sample of Adolescents. *Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior*, *93*, 306-312.
7. Swenson, R., **Rizzo, C.J.**, et al. (2009). Prevalence and Correlates of HIV Testing among Sexually Active African American Adolescents in Four U.S. Cities. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, *36*, 584-591.
8. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Esposito-Smythers, C., Spirito, A. & Thompson, A. (2010) Psychiatric and Cognitive Functioning in Adolescent Inpatients with Histories of Dating Violence Victimization. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*, *19*(5), 1-19.
9. Sznitman, S.R., Carey, M.P., Venable, P.A., DiClemente, R.J., Brown, L.K., Valois, R.F., Hennessy, M., Farber, N., **Rizzo, C.**, Caliendo, A., Salazar, L.F., Stanton, B.F. and Romer, D. (2010). The Impact of Community-Based Sexually Transmitted Infection Screening Results on Sexual Risk Behaviors of African American Adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *47*(1), 12-19.

10. Swenson, R. R., **Rizzo, C. J.**, Brown, L. K., Vanable, P., Carey, M., Valois, R., DiClemente, R., & Romer, D. (2010). HIV Knowledge and Its Contribution to Sexual Health Behaviors of Low-Income African American Adolescents. *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 102, 1173-1182.
11. Johnson, J. E., Esposito-Smythers, C., Miranda, R., Justus, A. N., **Rizzo, C.**, and Clum, G. (2011). Gender, social support, and distress in criminal justice involved adolescents. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 55(7), 1096-1109.
12. Esposito-Smythers, C., Walsh, A., Spirito, A, **Rizzo, C.** & Goldston, D. B. (2012). Working With The Suicidal Client Who Also Abuses Substances. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*, 19(2), 245–255.
13. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Hunter, H., Lang, D., Oliveira, C., Donenberg, G., DiClemente, R.J., Brown, L.K., & Project STYLE Study Group (2012). Dating Violence Victimization and Unprotected Sex Acts among Adolescents in Mental Health Treatment. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 21 (5), 825-832.
14. Tolou-Shams, M., **Rizzo, C.J.**, Conrad, S.M., Johnson, S., Oliveira, C., Brown, L.K. (in press). Predictors of Recidivism and Detention among Juveniles Referred for a Court Clinic Forensic Evaluation. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law*.
15. Wolff, J.C., Esposito-Smythers, C., Becker, S.J., Lichtenstein, D., Seaboyer, L., **Rizzo, C.J.** and Spirito, A. (in press). Social-Cognitive Moderators of the Relationship between Peer Victimization and Suicidal Ideation among Psychiatrically Hospitalized Adolescents. *Journal of Aggression Maltreatment and Trauma*.
16. Conrad, S., Tolou-Shams, M., **Rizzo, C.J.**, Placella, N. and Brown, L.K. (in press). Gender Differences in Recidivism Rates for Juvenile Justice Youth: The impact of sexual abuse. *Law and Human Behavior*.
17. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Esposito-Smythers, C., Swenson, L.P., Hower, H., Wolff, J., and Spirito, A. (under review). Dating Violence Victimization, Dispositional Aggression, and Nonsuicidal Self-Injury among Psychiatrically Hospitalized Male and Female Adolescents.
18. Joppa, M., **Rizzo, C.J.**, Brown, L.K., Hadley, W., Dattadeen, J., Donenberg, G., DiClemente, R., & Project STYLE Study Group (under review). Internalizing Symptoms and Sexual Risk among Adolescents in Mental Health Treatment: Personal Factors as Mediators.
19. Houck, C.D., Barker, D. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Hancock, E., Norton, A., and Brown, L.K. (under review). When Pictures are Worth More Than a Thousand Words: The Relationship between Sexting and Sexual Behaviors Among At-risk Adolescents.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Roose, S.P. & **Rizzo, C.J.** (2000). Tricyclic Antidepressants. In: W. Edward Craighead and Charles B. Nemeroff (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science*. John Wiley and Sons Inc., New York, NY.

NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Rizzo, C.J.** (2009). Family and peer contexts shape teen perceptions of dating violence. *Brown University Child and Adolescent Behavior Letter*, 25(7).
2. Scagliola, L. & **Rizzo, C.J.** (2010). Pediatric Research from a positive psychology perspective: The Case of Pediatric Oncology. *Brown University Child and Adolescent Behavior Letter*, 26(8).

ABSTRACTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Rizzo, C.J.** & Brown, L.K. (May 2013). *An Indicated Dating Violence and HIV Prevention Program for High-Risk Adolescent Girls: A Preliminary Report of Intervention Effects on Proposed Mediators*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research 21st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
2. **Rizzo, C.J.** Joppa, M. & Brown, L.K. (July 2012). *Preventing Dating Violence and HIV Risk Behavior among At-Risk Girls: An Indicated Prevention Program*. Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference in Portsmouth, NH.
3. **Rizzo, C. J.**, Hadley, W., Donenbeg, G.R., DiClemente, R., & Brown, L. K. (June 2010). *The Impact of Dating Violence Victimization on the Sexual Risk Behaviors, Drug Use, and Mental Health Symptoms of Female Adolescents with Serious Mental Illness*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research 18th Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
4. Swenson, R. R., **Rizzo, C. J.**, Brown, L. K., Barker, D. H., Venable, P., Carey, M., Valois, R., DiClemente, R., & Romer, D. (June 2010). *HIV knowledge deficits and sexual health behaviors of low-income African American adolescents*. Poster to be presented at the Society for Prevention Research 18th Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
5. Esposito-Smythers, C., **Rizzo, C.**, Shashoua, B.A., & Spirito, A. (Nov. 2008). *Social Cognitive Moderators of the Association Between Dating Violence Stress and Suicidality Among Psychiatrically Hospitalized Adolescents*. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in Orlando, FL.
6. Esposito-Smythers; C., Spirito, A., Hunt; J., **Rizzo, C.**, Kahler, C., & Monti, P. (July 2008). *Treatment for Adolescent Alcohol/Other Drug Use Disorders and Suicidality: Results of a Randomized Pilot Trial*. Poster Presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA), Washington D.C.
7. **Rizzo, C.J.** & Esposito-Smythers, C. (2007). *Dating Violence Victimization, Suicidality and Nonsuicidal Self-Injury Among Psychiatrically Hospitalized Adolescent Girls*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, Illinois.

8. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Brown, L.B., Fasciano, J., et al. (2007) *Rates of HIV Testing and Associations among African American Adolescents*. Poster presented at the 2007 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
9. **Rizzo, C.J.**, Esposito-Smythers, C., & Spirito, A. (2006). *Psychiatric, Affective, and Cognitive Functioning in Adolescent Inpatients with Histories of Dating Violence*. Poster presented at the 18th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS), New York, NY.
10. Fine, E. B., Daley, S. E., **Rizzo, C. J.**, & Gunderson, B. H. (2006). *Sex Differences in the Associations among Chronic Parent-Child Stress, Friendship Quality, and Romantic Relationship Quality in Inner-City Adolescents*. Poster to be presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco.
11. **Rizzo, C. J.**, Daley, S. E., & Gunderson, B. H. (2004). *The influence of individual characteristics, partner selection, and romantic relationship functioning on the presence of depressive symptomatology*. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy (AABT), New Orleans, LA.
12. **Rizzo, C. J.**, Daley, S. E., & Gunderson, B. H. (2004). *Interpersonal sensitivity as a moderator of the relation between romantic stress and unipolar depression during adolescence*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, Maryland.
13. Daley, S. E., **Rizzo, C. J.**, & Gunderson, B. H. (2004). *Cluster B personality disorder symptoms, depression, and interpersonal stress among inner-city adolescents*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, Maryland.
14. **Rizzo, C.J.** (2002). *Interpersonal sensitivity and depression*. Presentation at the 10th Annual Leibovitz Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
15. **Rizzo, C.J.**, & Daley, S.E. (2002). *The relation between interpersonal sensitivity and depression*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy (AABT), Reno, Nevada.

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Rizzo, C.J. (July, 2011). *When love hurts: The latest research on teen dating violence*. Keynote address at RI Community Action Associations' Youth Success Conference, Providence, RI.
2. Rizzo, C.J. *Preparing and Delivering a Job Talk*. Talk delivered as part of the Brown Training Consortium, Psychology Internship CORE seminar series, Providence, Rhode Island, Aug. 3 2011.
3. Rizzo, C.J., *Adolescent Personality Pathology: Current Controversies and Research*. Talk delivered as part of the Pediatric Psychology Seminar series, Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School, Providence, Rhode Island, January 25, 2010.

4. Rizzo, C.J., *Dating Violence and Risk Behavior*. Talk delivered as part of the Pediatric Psychology Seminar series, Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School, Providence, Rhode Island, May 13 2009.
5. Rizzo, C.J. and Weinstock, L. *Preparing the Candidate Section for a Career Development Award*. Talk delivered as part of the Brown Training Consortium, Psychology Internship CORE seminar series, Providence, Rhode Island, Jan. 30 2009.
6. Rizzo, C.J., *Adolescent Dating Violence: Current Research and Strategies for Intervention*. Talk delivered as part of the Pediatric Psychology Seminar series, Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School, Providence, Rhode Island, April 30 2007.

GRANTS

Current Research Support

1. K23 MH086328 Rizzo (PI) 5/1/09-2/28/14
NIMH
Dating Violence and HIV Prevention for Adolescent Girls: Adapting Mental Health Interventions
The purpose of this award is to support the candidate's pursuit of training and development in the area of dating violence and HIV prevention interventions for adolescents with histories of dating violence. The candidate will develop a unique dating violence and HIV prevention intervention that incorporates cognitive and affect management skills to reduce dating violence and HIV risk.
Role: PI, 92% effort
2. R01 MH087520 Brown (PI) 7/1/10-6/30/15
NIMH
Integrated Mental Health Treatment & HIV Prevention for Court-Involved Youth
This randomized controlled trial will test the efficacy, among 200 sexually active court-involved youth who need outpatient treatment, of a novel, integrated treatment as compared to enhanced standard care in community outpatient services over an 18-month period.
Role: Co-I, 5% "in kind" effort

Completed Research Support

1. U01 MH066785 Brown (PI) 9/1/04-1/31/10
NIMH
A Multilevel HIV-Prevention Strategy for High-Risk Youth
Multi-site project examining a multilevel HIV/STD prevention strategy for high-risk African American adolescents.
Role: Project Coordinator
2. R01 AA014191 Esposito-Smythers (PI) 4/15/04-3/31/08
NIAAA
Treatment of Youth Alcohol Abuse and Suicidality
RCT evaluating a manualized cognitive behavioral treatment protocol for adolescents with alcohol use disorders and co-occurring suicidality.
Role: Project Coordinator/Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Provider

3. R01 MH065885 Esposito-Smythers (PI) 1/1/04-12/31/07
 NIMH
Psychopathology, Cognition, and Suicidality in Adolescents
 Study examining a cognitive mediational model of the relation between
 psychiatric disorders and suicidality in adolescents.
 Role: Assessment Clinician/Data Coordinator

UNIVERSITY TEACHING ROLES

- Guest Lecturer Abnormal Psychology, April 7, 2004
 University of Southern California
Title: Dialectical Behavior Therapy for the Treatment of Borderline
 Personality Disorder
- Teaching Assistant Abnormal Psychology, Spring 2004
 University of Southern California
- Supervisor/Mentor Independent Research, Fall 2003 & Spring 2004
 University of Southern California
- Teaching Assistant Clinical Interviewing and Assessment, Fall 2003
 University of Southern California
- Teaching Assistant Mentor University Teaching Assistant Training Program, Fall 2002
 University of Southern California
- Teaching Assistant Developmental Psychology, Fall 2001 & Spring 2002
 University of Southern California

HOSPITAL TEACHING ROLES

- July 2008- present **Clinical supervisor, Department of Child and Adolescent
 Psychiatry, Pediatric Psychology Training Program.** Provide
 weekly (one-hour) clinical supervision of postdoctoral fellows during
 four-month clinical rotation at the Rhode Island Family Court,
 Mental Health Clinic. Provide direct, close supervision and teaching
 for trainees to develop competency in conducting child and
 adolescent mental health evaluations within a legal/forensic setting.
- September 2009- present **Clinical supervisor, Department of Child and Adolescent
 Psychiatry, Pediatric Psychology Training Program.** Provide
 weekly (one-hour) clinical supervision of pediatric psychology
 postdoctoral fellow for outpatient therapy cases.
- September 2009 - May 2010 **Mentor for undergraduate senior honors theses, Human
 Biology Concentration.** Assist student with data collection and
 analysis for independent research project that meets the
 qualifications for Honors standing.

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2004 - 2005

Pre-Doctoral Intern

Behavioral Health Partial Program

McLean Hospital

Responsible for providing clinical services to individuals with severe psychopathology in a partial hospital setting. Services include group therapy, outpatient individual therapy, short-term CBT and DBT skills training, and case management.

Also involved in providing individual CBT and DBT training to children and adolescents in the Child Outpatient Department and have conducted exposure and response prevention treatment with adult inpatients at the OCD Institute at McLean Hospital.

2003

Research Therapist

Human Relations Center

University of Southern California

Therapist for an outcome study examining a treatment for Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). The therapy integrated acceptance and imaginal exposure and included elements of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness-based CBT, and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT).

Conducted weekly therapy sessions according to the treatment manual and attended weekly 2-hour training sessions.

2001

Practicum Therapist

Augustus F. Hawkins Inpatient Unit

Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital, Los Angeles, CA.

Conducted cognitive and personality assessments with a severe psychiatric population including individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other serious persistent mental disorders. Scored and interpreted test batteries.

Participated in weekly team staff meetings and supervision.