

# Jordan Spizer

B.S. CANDIDATE, MAY 2026 - PSYCHOLOGY | PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY



## Education

AUG 2022 -  
PRESENT

### **B.S. in Psychology with a Concentration in Life Sciences/Minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy**

**Pennsylvania State University**

I am anticipated to graduate in May of 2026. My current, cumulative GPA is 3.89. After graduation I plan on pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology with a focus in forensic psychology.

JUN 2021 -  
AUG 2021

### **Academic Immersion Program: Introduction to Experimental Psychology**

**Boston University**

After a selective process, I was admitted to Boston University's Academic Immersion Program (AIM) in Introduction to Experimental Psychology. This course focused on social, developmental, and abnormal psychology. I conducted psychological research on the comparison between how religious an individual is compared to the type of high school they attended and presented my findings to a panel of clinical psychologists.

SEP 2018 -  
JUN 2022

### **Lower Merion High School**

Graduated with honors and had a cumulative GPA of 4.3.

## Experience

MAY 2024 -  
AUG 2024

### **Mental Health Technician**

**The Meadows Psychiatric Center - Centre Hall, PA**

40 - 50  
Hours per  
Week

I was hired in May of 2024 to work as a Mental Health Technician at The Meadows Psychiatric Center in Centre Hall, PA. I primarily worked in the Adult and Stabilization Unit and would occasionally work in the Adolescent and Children's Unit. I worked at this facility full-time during the summer of 2024. My primary job was to observe and document each patient's behavior and location on the unit every 15 minutes. I also ran group therapy each shift and provided the patients with their basic needs, such as providing them their meals and toiletries. This position required a significant amount of patient interaction.

AUG 2023 -  
DEC 2023

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Psychology 100**

**Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology**

10 Hours  
per week

I was chosen in a selective process to serve as a teaching assistant for Dr. Dustin Elliot, PhD in Psychology 100 at Pennsylvania State University at the University Park Campus. This position required an A in Psychology 100, a demonstrated interest in Psychology, and interpersonal skills. I was required to attend all lectures, answer questions of students, hold bi-weekly office hours assisting students with assignments, create practice problems, and hold exam review sessions. This position was in the fall semester of 2023.

SEP 2021 -  
JUNE 2022

### **Criminal Legal Intern**

40 - 50  
Hours per  
Week

### **Federal Community Defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

I reviewed and assisted in the preparation of federal criminal cases for sentencing of those who were severely mentally ill. This required a review of psychological reports and Pre-sentence Investigations in preparation for sentencing hearings. I also gained exposure to federal mental health court and federal drug court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

## **Guest Lectures**

DEC 2023

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Psychology 100: Guest Lecture in Autism Spectrum Disorder**

#### **Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology**

As a teaching assistant for Psychology 100 course and as part of the Abnormal Psychology unit, I presented a guest lecture on Autism Spectrum Disorder to 400 students. To prepare for this lecture, I gathered research throughout the semester and created a powerpoint with speaking points. Several questions on the Psychology 100 final exam that semester were based on what I presented in this lecture.

## **Research Experience**

JAN 2023 -  
PRESENT

10 Hours  
per Week

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Kenneth Levy's Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy Laboratory**

#### **Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology**

I have been chosen to assist Dr. Kenneth Levy in his research on Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy at Pennsylvania State University. This position required a minimum psychology GPA of 3.5 and a demonstrated interest in psychology. During the first semester in the laboratory, I assisted Dr. Levy by completing transcriptions of therapy sessions with individuals diagnosed with a psychological personality disorder. Currently, I am working on the Personality Diagnostic Manual (PDM) Project, where I observe clinical interviews of patients and use the PDC-2 complete personality assessment, based on the clinical interviews. I plan on working with Dr. Levy for the rest of my undergraduate career and will soon begin training to perform psychological interviews on individuals diagnosed with a personality disorder.

AUG 2024  
- PRESENT

2 Hours  
per Week

### **Website Coordinator for Dr. Kenneth Levy's Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy Laboratory**

#### **Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology**

In addition to being an undergraduate research assistant, I am also the website coordinator for Dr. Levy's Personality Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy Laboratory. As the website coordinator, I respond to emails that come through the website, direct emails that come through the website to the appropriate personnel, update the website with current information of people who are working in the lab, and update the website with Dr. Levy's most recent publications.

## **Volunteer**

AUG 2023  
- MAY  
2024

### **Family Relations Captain: Adopt-A-Family Greek Liaison**

#### **Pennsylvania State University THON**

THON is the largest student-run philanthropy in the country that supports families and research for pediatric cancer. As a Family Relations Captain, I worked directly with THON

15 - 20  
Hours per  
Week

families affected by pediatric cancer. As the Adopt-A-Family Greek Liaison, I am the primary contact for all 25 greek organizations, responsible for grading and pairing THON families with greek organizations, hold numerous educational workshops with greek organizations through the year, and keep track of each greek organization's efforts and activities with their paired family to ensure that all greek organizations and THON families are maintaining a happy and supportive relationship.

AUG 2022  
- MAY  
2023

**Rules and Regulations Committee Member: Family Relations Liaison**  
**Pennsylvania State University THON**

6 Hours  
per Week

As a rules and regulations committee member, I utilize leadership skills while working security during the dance marathon portion of THON weekend. Also, as a Family Relations Liaison, I worked directly with the children and families directly affected by pediatric cancer by providing them with resources and support.

SEP 2015 -  
PRESENT

**Best Buddies Committee Member**  
**Pennsylvania State University Best Buddies**

2 Hours  
per Week

As a Best Buddies committee member, I work directly with students with a range of disabilities in a school setting. I provide these students with support by attending weekly meetings, organizing social events, and tutoring students in math.

## Extra Curricular Activities

FEB 2024 -  
PRESENT

**Member of Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society**  
**Pennsylvania State University Psi Chi**

2 Hours  
per Week

Psi Chi is the International Psychology Honors Society for Pennsylvania State University. After a selective process, I was accepted as a member of Psi Chi in February of 2024. To be a member of Psi Chi you must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and receive a grade of B or higher in four psychology courses at the Pennsylvania State University. As a member of Psi Chi, I attend weekly meetings, attend social events, and work with professors to advance Pennsylvania State University's Psychology Department.

MAY 2023  
- PRESENT

**Delta Zeta Representative for Hillel**  
**Pennsylvania State University Hillel**

1 Hour Per  
Week

Hillel is the Jewish community center associated with Pennsylvania State University. I am a part of the Hillel Greek Team, which includes one member of Jewish descent from each Greek organization on campus. Throughout the year, the Greek Team I attend weekly meetings, organize and hold monthly meetings for Jewish students in Greek organizations, organize services for the Jewish holidays and Shabbat, and organize social events.

APR 2023 -  
PRESENT

**Member of U-Belong**  
**Pennsylvania State University**

2 Hours  
per Month

U-Belong is a psychology club for psychology majors and minors seeking to learn more about the psychological field. Members of U-Belong attend monthly meetings and hear from guest speakers and psychology professors to help students who plan on pursuing graduate school in psychology.

APR 2023 -  
PRESENT

**Active Member of Delta Zeta Sorority**  
**Pennsylvania State University Delta Zeta - Gamma Delta Chapter**

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