

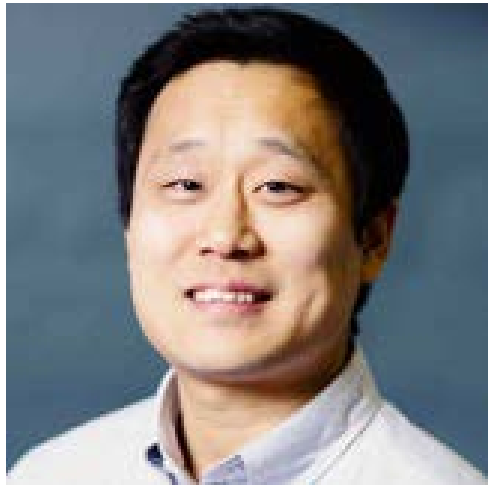
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My assistantships are vital to my training and future career goal for a faculty position. I taught undergraduate courses, designed curriculum, and strived to promote an interactive and nurturing learning environment for students. As an academic advisor, I meet with more than 20 diverse (e.g., non-traditional, undocumented, transfer) students weekly for advising and mentoring regarding their academic and career trajectories. These interactions have been incredible influences on my social justice focused research and clinical work. They influence my role as the campus representative for Division 45 Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority of the American Psychological Association and as the Diversity

Officer in our doctoral program's student association. The positions also dovetail my passion in developing as a social justice oriented scholar. For example, my teaching experience has led to conducting research on how peer counseling training can help reduce mental health stigma and promote positive mental health attitudes and empathy toward cultural differences. I have been conducting research on multicultural issues such as racism, stigma, and racial/ethnic disparities in mental health. I have conducted 42 presentations at research conferences. I have published 7 publications in peer reviewed journals of which 3 are first author papers, and have 3 papers currently under review. I have received numerous awards and grants recognized at the local and national level. The assistantships also provide valuable insight to my growth as a multiculturally-competent counselor, as I serve low-income community clients at the Maryland Psychotherapy Clinic and sexual assault survivors at the UMD Health Center.