

Meet Our Team

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Renata joined the lab in September 2023 as a Clinical Research Coordinator. She graduated from Bowdoin College in 2023 with a B.S. in Neuroscience and a minor in Digital Computational Studies. Renata has experience working with labs from Bowdoin College, Columbia University, and the Spanish National Research Council, where she has developed skills in microscopy and histological methods. She is interested in neurotechnology and the ethical applications of AI in neuroscience. Renata loves having jam sessions with friends, playing rugby in the park, and traveling.

Renata Gonzalez Chong | Clinical Research Coordinator II



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Rhyann Clarke joined the lab in September 2024 as a Clinical Research Volunteer at the Blau Center. She supports the GPC project and pivotal medical device clinical trial sponsored by Click Therapeutics and Boehringer Ingelheim through patient screening, reaching out to providers, and conducting data entry and quality control. Rhyann works full time at Opentrons Robotics but her goal is to go back to school and earn a PhD in Biomedical Sciences. In her free time, Rhyann enjoys baking, running, and playing Catan, cribbage, and euchre.

Rhyann Clarke | Clinical Research Volunteer



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Debbie joined the lab in November 2024 as a Clinical Research Coordinator. She graduated from Harvard University in 2024 with her A.B. in Neuroscience and a minor in Computer Science. As an undergraduate student, she completed her thesis at Boston Children's Hospital, researching novel paradigms to measure reward processing development in infants and children. Outside of work, Debbie enjoys listening to music, going on walks, trying new restaurants, and spending time with friends and family.

Debbie Obiajulu | Clinical Research Coordinator I



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Heather joined the lab in 2024 as a Clinical Research Manager after earning her Master of Science in Clinical Research from Boston University. Her passion for psychiatric clinical research began during her undergraduate studies in Psychology at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. Prior to her current role, Heather worked at Boston Medical Center and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA where she supported families of individuals experiencing their first episode of psychosis by offering behavioral interventions and connecting them with support and treatment options. In her free time, Heather enjoys exploring New York City with her friends and family.

Heather Thibeau | Clinical Research Manager



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Skyler joined the lab in 2024 as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Blau Center. She graduated with a BA in Psychology and a minor in History from Middlebury College in 2024. Prior to working in the Blau Center, Skyler was a Research Assistant for the Student Stress Lab at Middlebury where she obtained and analyzed data on the correlates of college student wellbeing. She also gained significant clinical experience in behavioral therapy and PCIT for anxiety disorders at the Child Mind Institute as a 2023 Clinical Summer Intern. In her free time, Skyler enjoys fishing, reading, running, watching movies, and spending time outdoors.

Skyler Pierce-Scher | Clinical Research Coordinator I



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Sansara joined the lab in January 2024 as a Clinical Research Coordinator on the Living Brain Project and, later, the Genomic Psychiatry Cohort. She graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from Barnard College in 2022. Prior to joining the team, Sansara worked with researchers from Columbia University, the Barnard College Toddler Center, and NYU Langone on studies to better understand development across the lifespan. Outside of work, Sansara enjoys exploring the city, trying new restaurants, taking dance classes, and spending time with her friends and family.

Sansara Mahtani | Clinical Research Coordinator I



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Safrana joined the lab in June 2024 as a Clinical Research Volunteer for the Blau Center. She assists with data entry, screening patients, reaching out to providers, and data quality control. She also shadows the wet lab, gaining a deeper understanding of the various biological processes that take place within clinical research. Safrana is studying Biochemistry at Hunter College and enjoys painting, attending plays, and anything F1 related in her free time.

Safrana Safa | Clinical Research Volunteer

