



INTRODUCING THE 2010 RESEARCH FELLOWS

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Ciprian Boitor

The Five Point Spread

- 4th Year Clinical Student in the PhD Program
- Research Fellow for Dr. Pam King in *Exemplars of Spiritual Thriving in Adolescence*
- His dissertation will explore the relationship between service and attachment.
- Submitted poster to SRA this past spring while planning his wedding.
- Always happy to get "home", that is, either to his parents in Corona, her parents in Fullerton, or their own apartment in Anaheim!

MEETING CIPRIAN...

Ciprian Boitor is a 4th year student in the School of Psychology Clinical Program. More importantly he convinced the love of his life to put up with him forever, and on March 20th, 2010 he married Naomi Boitor in the SoCal Romanian homeland, Orange County. He has two sisters who still can't believe Naomi said yes.

As they say, "once a basketball player, always a basketball player," but that hasn't

stopped Ciprian from discovering the joys of boogie boarding. When paired with time with God and his wife and family at the park and at the beach, you have his ideal day!

So go hit the waves, or the courts, or the parks, with Ciprian and when the conversation lulls, go ahead and ask, "What funny thing has happened to you recently?" He'll be more than happy to give you an answer.

Once Ciprian graduates he would really like to teach part-time, do private practice and work with at-risk adolescents. His hope, as his financial dues to Fuller are completed, is to focus primarily on work with at-risk adolescents. With the twin skills of boogie boarding and basketball supplemented by a fine Fuller education, we are confident he will succeed in his endeavors!

REGARDING RESEARCH...

Ciprian is beginning to study attachment theory and young adulthood, this year. His past research involved the benefits of doing service where he used the exemplar data that Dr. Pam King has been collecting to explore what his unique group of young people report as benefits from being engaged in various forms of service.

Much of his passion in research flows from his desire to work with disadvantaged youth. He has gone to work with youth and adolescents in Baja Mexico and the Republic of Moldova. Ultimately he hopes to create a standardized and comprehensive program that helps at risk adolescents integrate and become responsible members of society.

This year he will continue to work with Dr. Pam King and will be working on his dissertation, exploring the relationship between service and attachment. This research will either be through a follow up study with the Adolescent Spiritual Exemplar study or with the Measuring Adolescent Spiritual Development study done in collaboration

World Vision. He will also be coordinating other students in the lab to do literature reviews, prepare submissions, and do training on NVivo.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Vanguard University in Costa Mesa California.



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Recent Presentations

Boitor, C., Carr, A., & King, P. E. (March 2010). "Spirituality and action: An international exploratory study of the meaning of service for spiritual exemplars. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA.