

Esther Chin

The Five Point Spread

- 4th Year Student in the PhD Program
- Research Fellow for Dr. Sarah Marion in the Neurocognitive Disorders and Interventions Lab (2nd Year!)
- Dissertation involves working with Hemispherectomy patients
- Recently presented at the 2010 APA Annual Meeting
- And recently started sensing that graduation was actually possible!

MEEETING ESTHER...

Esther Chin is a 4th year student in the School of Psychology Clinical Program. Her family, parents and younger brother, are living in Hong Kong and she is currently engaged to be married in 2011!

Esther loves to exercise. Invite her for a step class, badminton game or wakeboarding and she'll jump at the chance.

She enjoys the beach and

her ideal day would be spent there with a beer and impossibly good chicken wings. And maybe her fiancé will join just because he's cool like that.

So when you run into Esther wakeboarding with a wing in one hand and dissertation in the other, and you have exhausted the fascinating topics of hemispherectomies stress, and how resilience might relate to cognitive function and allostatic load,

then feel free to ask her to teach you how to call her by her Chinese name. She'll gladly accept the challenge of introducing another friend to an important part of who she is.

To Esther, home is, "Wherever I can spend a wonderful time with family and friends." Home spans the globe for her as she continues studying here at Fuller School of Psychology.

REGARDING RESEARCH...

Esther is interested in Neuropsychology and learning as much as possible about the brain. She is currently working on her dissertation with hemispherectomy patients and exploring which hemisphere of the brain can better support long-term functioning.

She also is fascinated by the topic of resilience and stress. She is working on various projects developing a resilience inventory, studying how resilience relates with different factors, such as behaviors, subjective interpretation of traumatic

events, trauma exposure and ethnicity; and exploring how resilience relates to cognitive function and allostatic load.

Her research on hemispherectomies was presented as a poster at the 2010 APA convention and she was a co-author on three posters presented at INS that dealt with hemispherectomies and traumatic brain injury.

This year she will continue to work with Dr. Sarah Marion, coordinating the three different research teams that are part of the Neurocognitive Disorders & Intervention

Lab. While working with Dr. Marion, she will also be a research assistant for the Headington Institute supervised by Fuller Alumni, Dr. Galen Buckwalter.

She received her bachelor's in Cognitive Science from the University of Hong Kong, and her M.S. in Cognitive Neuropsychology from University College London, in London England.



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Recent Presentations

Chin, E. Y. K., Marion, S. D., Lee, J. B., Wilson, R, Mathern G. W., & Asarnow, R. F. (2010). Comparing long term functional outcome between individuals with left and right hemispherectomies. Poster presentation at American Psychological Association (APA), San Diego, CA. August 2010.

Chin, E. Y. K., & Dueck, A. (2010). Research methods in community psychology. Paper presentation at Huaxi Hospital, Chengdu, China. January 2010.

Chin, E. Y. K., & Dueck, A. (2010). Exploring attitudes and ways to process pain and suffering. Paper presentation at Chengdu Seminary, Chengdu, China. January 2010.

Chin, E. Y. K., & Dueck, A. (2010). A family resilience framework. Paper presentation at the Counseling Training Center, Beijing, China. January 2010.