

# Digital Health & Education Research (DHER) Lab

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This lab will focus on using the power technology to evaluate, develop, and disseminate digital tools to improve health and educational/psychoeducational outcomes, and contribute to the reduction of health and educational disparities worldwide.

## **Mission:**

- Reach as many people as possible.
- Make a concerted effort to work with underserved populations.
- Develop digital tools in more than one language when possible.
- Evaluate digital tools that have been developed in more than one language when possible.
- Use Internet interventions and digital technologies to enhance learning outcomes in psychology and education.

**My background:** I joined PAU in 2018 as the Research Project Manager for i4Health. I completed my MA in Interdisciplinary Education with focus on STEEM (Science, Technology, Environmental Education, and Math) from Santa Clara University and completed my Doctorate in Education with a focus on Learning and Instruction from the University of San Francisco. Before joining PAU, I worked at Stanford University for over 17 years in the departments of Medicine and Bioengineering in various roles including Computing and Educational Coordinator and Teaching Hub Developer. I also served as Chair of the Latinx Task Force at PAU from 2019-2021. I am bilingual (English/Spanish). See below for my list of publications.

## **Students joining my lab will have the following attributes:**

### **Required:**

- Strong interest in using digital technology to develop and/or evaluate tools that can help reduce health and/or educational disparities.
- Documented commitment to serving underserved populations.
- Commitment to develop or evaluate digital tools (websites, videos, chatbots, apps, etc.).
- Excellent writing skills and intention to publish your work in professional and popular journals.

**Preferred:**

- Advanced speaking, reading, and writing ability in Spanish or other languages.
- Experience with online survey development (ideally using Qualtrics).
- Experience producing multimedia presentations.
- Strong database management and data analysis skills.
- Willingness to work on meta-analyses.

**Expectations:**

- Attend weekly lab meetings during the academic year and spend approximately 7 hours per week on research projects related to the lab.
- Become familiar with current online projects by assisting with data management, data analysis, creation of tables and figures, and co-authoring posters, presentations, and articles.
- Assist with creation of online projects, including constructing intervention websites or apps, videos, and methods to disseminate them widely.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in all states of the research process including; forming ideas for research projects, conducting literature reviews, submitting IRBs, participant recruitment, data collection and analysis, poster and paper publications.

**Graduates of the lab will have obtained documented training in:**

- Developing and evaluating digital tools to help reduce health and educational disparities for underserved populations and in multiple languages when possible.

**To apply:** Please submit the following to [bpineda@palolaltou.edu](mailto:bpineda@palolaltou.edu) by application deadline.

- Curriculum Vitae
- Transcripts (unofficial is fine)
- One page research interest statement
- A writing sample in English– for example, a paper submitted to a psychology class (undergraduate or graduate). Your Research Methods proposal paper from Fall quarter would be fine.
- If you are bilingual in Spanish, an additional writing sample in Spanish.
- If you have built websites or apps, a link to your site, how to download your app, or screen shots of the site or app.

Selected students will be invited to Zoom interviews during April and May.

**Publications:**

Bunge, E. L., **Pineda, B. S.**, Topooco, N., & Stephens, T. N. (2021). Introduction to technological approaches for the treatment of mental health in youth. *Soc. Sci. 10*, 461. Editorial.

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Muñoz, R. F., Le, H.-N., Barrera, A. Z., & **Pineda, B. S.** (2021). Leading the charge toward a world without depression: Perinatal depression can be prevented. *Archives of Women's Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00737-021-01160-1>

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Dosovitsky, G., **Pineda, B. S.**, Jacobson, N. C., Chang, C., Escoredo, M., & Bunge, E. L. (2020). Artificial Intelligence Chatbot for Depression: Descriptive Study of Usage. *JMIR Formative Research*, 4(11), e17065. <https://doi.org/10.2196/17065>

Muñoz, R. F., **Pineda, B. S.**, Llamas, J. A. (2019). Indigeneity, diversity, and equity in Internet interventions: Could ISRII contribute to making health care a universal human right? *Internet Interventions*, 18, 100269. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.invent.2019.100269>