



Dr. Corrigan's Lab Group

The following individuals are members of [Dr. Corrigan](#) 's research lab at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Along with names, a brief description of their current research initiatives is provided. For more information on these individuals, please click on their name below.

[Andrea Bink](#) : Coming soon.

Lindsay Sheehan: Lindsay is Program Coordinator of the National Consortium on Stigma and Empowerment (NCSE) at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Lindsay is a graduate student in Rehabilitation Counseling Education with a specialization in psychiatric rehabilitation. Since 2002, Lindsay has worked in community mental health, focusing on employment and independent living for those with serious mental illness. She teaches as an Adjunct Instructor at IIT and is a licensed counselor.

Blythe Buchholz: Blythe is a second year doctoral student in clinical and rehabilitation psychology. Her research interests span across three areas: serious mental illness, neurological disorders, and stigma reduction. Blythe is particularly interested in the impact of self-stigma on the achievement of life goals as well as the process of disclosure, or "coming out" with lived experiences. She assisted in developing the Coming Out Proud program, and is currently working on efforts to disseminate and evaluate the program.

[J. Konadu Fokuo](#): Konadu's research interests are in how mental health public stigma and self stigma affect mental illness attribution theories and mental health service utilization for ethnic minorities experiencing symptoms of mental illness. She is also interested in developing culturally sensitive anti-stigma programs.

[Patrick Michaels](#): Patrick Michaels is the assistant research director for resource development for the California Center for Dignity, Social Inclusion, and Stigma Elimination. His research interests includes stigma change program assessment and improvement, mental illness recovery, and effective outreach and dissemination strategies.

Maya Al-khouja: Maya is an undergraduate student majoring in Psychology and minoring in Architecture and Biology at Illinois Institute of Technology. She currently works as a research assistant under Patrick Corrigan for the Center on Adherence and Self-Determination. She is going to continue onto graduate school and work towards a PHD in Social Psychology, specifically researching prejudices and stigmas.

[Janice Parker](#): As the Assistant Director of Consumer Affairs for the Center on Adherence and Self-Determination, an NIMH-funded Center grant directed by Dr. Corrigan, Janice functions as a liaison between the Center and mental health services consumers and/or people in recovery throughout the Chicagoland area, coordinating participatory action research activities of the center focused on care seeking, service use, and empowerment. Janice is also a member of Dr. Corrigan's research lab at IIT, contributing to the many research projects underway in this lab.

[Karina Powell](#): Karina's current research interests include how attitudes toward people with mental illness are impacted by one's political ideologies and belief system. For the past few years, understanding how the media impacts stigmatizing attitudes has been a focus of Karina's

research. She is interested in further exploring the role of neuropsychological profiles in contributing to the efficacy of anti-stigma programs and the impact of subsequent attitude change.

[Annie Schmidt](#): Coming soon.