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My interests broadly include interplay between psychologically resilient processes and physical recovery among individuals and their family members facing injury rehabilitation. Recent work has centered on the impact of internal (coping, appraisals) and external (social, environmental) factors in optimal psychosocial adjustment following traumatic brain injury. I have methodological expertise in prospective longitudinal designs and latent factor analysis to track psychological functioning over time. I also use mixed-methods designs that implement pragmatic and consumer-informed studies to characterize lived experiences and assess meaningful adjustment and self-concept within injury rehabilitation. Work from a pilot study on growth, change and identity after injury has led to a DoD-funded study on resilience-factors and posttraumatic growth in the acute months following moderate-severe TBI.

POSITIONS

Aug 2020 – Present	Research Scientist I, Craig Hospital, Englewood, CO Supervisor: Candy Tefertiller, PT, DPT, PhD, NCS
Aug 2019 – July 2020	Research Associate, General Dynamics Information Technology (contractor) Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Naval Medical Center San Diego Supervisors: Lars Hungerford, PhD; Mark Ettenhofer, PhD
Jan. 2013- July 2017	Clinical Research Assistant - Trauma, Baylor University Medical Center Supervisors: Ann Marie Warren, Ph.D., ABPP; Mark B. Powers, PhD; Robin Buckner, MS, CCRC; Evan Rainey, MS, CCRC

AFFILIATE APPOINTMENTS

June 2022 – Present	Faculty Research Affiliate, Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience, Colorado Springs, CO	
July 2021 – Present	Volunteer Clinical Faculty, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, School of Medicine, <i>University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus</i> , Aurora CO.	

SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

July 2023 – Present	Co-Chair, Colorado Advisory Council on Brain Injury, MINDSOURCE – Brain Injury Network, Colorado Department of Human Services
Jan. 2023 – June 2023	Board Member, Colorado Advisory Council on Brain Injury, MINDSOURCE – Brain Injury Network, Colorado Department of Human Services
Jan. 2023 – Present	Co-Chair , Psychosocial Support Systems for Persons with TBI (formerly Caregiver) SIG, Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Network
Apr. 2021—Present	Co-Lead, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion (DEAI) Research Group, Craig Hospital

EDUCATION/TRAINING

July 2017- July 2019	Postdoctoral Research Employee , Psychiatry Department, University of California San Diego Health Sciences Supervisor: Murray Stein, PhD; Laura Campbell-Sills, PhD
August 2017	PhD Behavioral Science, <i>University of North Texas Advisors:</i> Adriel Boals, PhD; Ann Marie Warren, PhD

Dec. 2015 MS Experimental Psychology, University of North Texas

Advisors: Rex A. Wright, PhD; Adriel Boals, PhD

Aug. 2011 BA Psychology, Department of Psychology, Southwestern University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)

Rehabilitation Psychology (Division 22)

Trauma Psychology (Division 56)

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

International Resilience Alliance (intresa.org)

International Society Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)

HONORS/AWARDS

2023	NIDILRR Switzer Fellowship Recipient
2018	Neurotrauma 2018 Travel Grant Awardee, National Neurotrauma Society
2018	Alies Muskin Career Development Leadership Program (CDLP) – Clinical Research Award, Anxiety and Depression Association of America
2017	Ernest H. Harrell Memorial Scholarship Award, University of North Texas
2017	Sunil Sengupta VA Student Research Travel Award, APA Division 22 Rehabilitation Psychology

RESEARCH FUNDING

Current Grant Support

Date	Grant/Project Title	Role
Sept. 2024 –	HT9425-23-TBIPHRP-IIRA	Lead Principal
Aug. 2027	Department of Defense /Congressionally Directed Medical Research	Investigator
	Programs Traumatic Brain Injury Psychological Health Research Program	
	 Investigator-Initiated Research Award 	
	Level of funding: \$500,000	
	Thriving after TBI: Identifying resilience-related factors for psychosocial	
	growth after TBI	
Oct. 2021 –	Craig Hospital Foundation (Seed Funding Clinical Research Projects)	Principal
Oct. 2024	Level of funding: \$17,163.94	Investigator
	Assessing Family Caregiver Readiness for Moderate Severe TBI during	
	Inpatient Rehabilitation: A Pilot Study	
June 2023 –	Craig Hospital Foundation (Seed Funding for Clinical Research Projects)	Research
July 2024	Level of funding: \$14,953.00	Investigator
	Is Rock Climbing a Useful Recreational Therapy for Individuals with	
	Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)?: A Pilot Study	
Sept. 2022 –	W81XWH-21-S-TBIPH2 (Project Director: Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD)	Site Co-
Aug. 2027	Department of Defense/Congressionally Directed Medical Research	Investigator
	Programs TBI Psychological Health Research Program – Focused Program	
	Award	
	$L\underline{\pmb{E}}$ veraging $\underline{\pmb{N}}$ ationwide $\underline{\pmb{R}}$ esearch $\underline{\pmb{I}}$ nfrastructure to Enri $\underline{\pmb{CH}}$ Brain Health	
	after TBI: The ENRICH Brain Health Study	
Oct. 2022 –	HHS-2022-ACL-NIDILRR-DPTB-0039 (Co-Project Directors: Cynthia-	Co-Investigator
Sept. 2027	Harrison Felix, PhD; Candace Tefertiller, PhD, DPT, PhD, NCS; David	(Module)
	Mellick, PhD)	

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	
Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System	

Completed Grant Support

Date	Grant/Project Title	Role
Sept. 2021	H133A120032 (Project Director: David Mellick, PhD)	Co-Investigator/Special
– Aug	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	Projects Investigator
2026	The Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Data and	
	Statistical Center	
Sept. 2023	HHS-2023-ACL-NIDILRR-SFGE-0000	Lead Principal Investigator
- Aug.	NIDILRR Switzer Fellowship Program	
2024	Building a preparedness framework for caregivers of loved ones	
	with moderate-severe TBI using the PATH-25	
May 2022	Craig Hospital Foundation (Seed Funding for Clinical Research	Research Investigator
– June	Projects)	
2024	Changing Neurobehavioral Management Systems in an Acute	
	Inpatient Brain Injury Rehabilitation Setting Using the Principles	
	of Applied Behavioral Analysis	
Sept. 2018	90DPTB0017 (Co-Project Directors: Cynthia Harrison-Felix, PhD;	Co-Investigator
- Sept	Risa Nakase-Richardson, PhD; Jeanne Hoffman, PhD)	
2023	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	
	Characterization and Treatment of Chronic Pain after Moderate to	
	Severe Traumatic Brain Injury	
Sept. 2021	Craig Hospital Foundation (Seed Funding for Clinical Research	Principal Investigator
– Dec.	Projects)	
2022	Exploring growth, change, and identity among individuals with	
	traumatic brain injury	

EDITING/REVIEWING

Reviewer Rehabilitation Psychology

Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy

Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation Translations in Psychological Science

Associate Editor Special Issue: Understanding, Using and Communicating Quantitative Methods

Translational Issues in Psychological Science

PUBLICATIONS (44 total)

Agtarap, S., Peckham, M., Lundstern, M., Bistricky, S., Boals, A., Gallagher, J., Hanks, R., Klyce, D.W., Perrin, P. B. (*accepted*) Examining the construct validity of posttraumatic growth following moderate-severe TBI: A mixed methods analysis. *Rehabilitation Psychology*.

Hanks, R., Ketchum, J. M., Peckham, M., Sevigny, M., Sander, A. M., Martin, A. M., ... & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2024). Associations of chronic pain with psychosocial outcomes after traumatic brain injury: a NIDILRR and VA TBI Model Systems Collaborative Project. *The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 39(1), 18-30.

Venkatesan, U., Adams, L. H., Rabinowitz, A. R., **Agtarap, S.,** Bombardier, C H., Bushnik, T., Chiaravalloti, N. D., Juengst, S. B., Katta-Charles, S., Perrin, P. B., Pinto, S. M., Weintraub, A., & Whiteneck, G. G. (2023). Societal Participation of People with Traumatic Brain Injury Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A NIDILRR Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study. *Archives of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation*, 104(7), 1041-1053. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2023.01.009

- Juengst, S., Agtarap, S., Venkatesan, U. M., Erler, K. S., Evans, E., Sander, A. M., Klyce, D., O'Neil Pirozzi, T. M., Rabinowitz, A. R., Kazis, L. E., Giacino, J. T., Kumar, R. G., Bushnik, T., & Whiteneck, G. G. (2023). Multidimensional Participation Profiles after Traumatic Brain Injury: A TBI Model Systems Study. *Disability & Rehabilitation*, 1-11.
 DOI: 10.1080/09638288.2023.2221900.
- Liou-Johnson, V., Merced, K., Klyce, D. W., **Agtarap, S.,** Finn, J. A., ...& Perrin, P. B. (2023). Exploring racial/ethnic disparities in rehabilitation outcomes after TBI: A Veterans Affairs Model Systems study. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 52(3), 451-462.
- Trost, Z., Sturgeon, J. A., **Agtarap, S.,** Arewasikporn, A., ... Rainey, E., Boals, A. Roden-Foreman, K., Foreman, M. L., & Warren, A. M. The Impact of Perceived Injustice on Pain and Psychological Outcomes Following Traumatic Injury: A Longitudinal Analysis. (2022). *PAIN*, 13, 10-97.
- Klyce, D. W., West, S. J., Perrin, P. B., **Agtarap, S. D.,** Finn, J. A., Juengst, S. B., ... & Bombardier, C. H. (2021). Network analysis of neurobehavioral and post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms one year after traumatic brain injury: a Veterans Affairs traumatic brain injury model systems study. *Journal of Neurotrauma*, 38(23), 3332-3340.
- Philippus, A., Sevigny, M., **Agtarap, S.**, MacIntyre, B., Welch, A., Trost, Z., ... & Monden, K. R. (2021). Validation of the injustice experience questionnaire (IEQ) in a spinal cord injury population. *Spinal Cord*, 59(11), 1177-1186.
- Monden, K. R., Philippus, A., MacIntyre, B., Welch, A., Sevigny, M., Draganich, C., **Agtarap, S.**, & Morse, L. R. (2021). The impact of stigma on psychosocial outcomes following spinal cord injury: A cross-sectional analysis of stigma-mediated relationships. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 66(2), 202.
- **Agtarap, S. D.**[†], Campbell-Sills, L. [†], Jain, X., Sun, X.,, Stein, M. B., and the TRACK-TBI Investigators (2021). Satisfaction with life following mild traumatic brain injury: A TRACK TBI Study. *Journal of Neurotrauma*, 38(5), 546-554.
- Campbell-Sills, L., Stein, M. B., Liu, H., **Agtarap, S.,** Heeringa, S. G., Nock, M. K., Ursano, R. J., & Kessler, R. C. (2019). Associations of lifetime traumatic brain injury characteristics with prospective suicide attempt among deployed U.S. Army soldiers. *The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 35(1), 14-26.
- **Agtarap, S.,** Campbell-Sills, L., Thomas, M., &, Kessler, R., Ursano, R. J., & Stein, M. B. (2019). Post-concussive, posttraumatic stress, and depression symptoms in deployed U.S. Army soldiers: A construct validation study. *Psychological Assessment*, 31(11), 1340.
- **Agtarap, S.**, Shelley, J., Bennett, M., Roden-Foreman, J. W., Rainey, E., Dome, M., Powers, M. B., Petrey, L. B., & Warren, A. M. (2018). The role of depression and social support on readmission rates within one year of traumatic injury. *Health Psychology*, *37*(9), 799-807.
- **Agtarap, S.,** Boals, A., Holtz, P., Roden-Foreman, K., Rainey, E. E., Ruggero, C., & Warren, A. M. (2017). The effect of depressive symptoms on social support one year following traumatic injury. Manuscript accepted to *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 207, 398-405.
- **Agtarap, S.**, Scott, W., Warren, A. M., & Trost, Z. (2016). Validation of the Injustice experiences questionnaire in a heterogeneous trauma sample. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 61(3), 336.
- Warren, A. M., **Agtarap, S.,** & deRoon-Cassini, T. (2016). Psychological resilience in medical rehabilitation. In M.A Budd, S. Hough, S. T. Wegener, & W. Stiers (Eds.), *Practical Psychology in Medical Rehabilitation* (pp. 57-66). Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.

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- Rainey, E., Petrey, L.B., Reynolds, M., **Agtarap, S.**, Warren, A.M. (2014) Psychological factors predicting outcome after traumatic injury: the role of resilience. *American Journal of Surgery*, 208(4), 517-23. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2014.05.016.

SYMPOSIA & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Smith, K., Peckham, M., & **Agtarap**, **S.**, (2024, October). Adaptive Rock Climbing as a Recreational Therapy for Spinal Cord Injury and Brain Injury: Findings from a Mixed-Methods Pilot Study. Late-breaking research poster to be presented at ACRM Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Finey, B., Marwitz, J., Klyce, D., **Agtarap, S.,** & Malhotra, B. (2024, October). Traumatic Brain Injury Caregivers: Understanding the resilience, readiness, and resources needed to improve health, functioning and needs post-injury. Symposia presentation at ACRM Conference, Dallas, TX.
- **Agtarap, S.,** Peckham, M., Lundstern, M., & Gallagher, J. (2023, February). Associations between posttraumatic growth, depreciation, environmental limitations, and psychosocial outcomes following moderate-severe TBI: Findings from a mixed-methods pilot study. Oral presentation at Rehabilitation Psychology Mid-Winter Conference, Austin, TX.
- Wertheimer, J., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Vergo, B., & **Agtarap, S. D.** (2023, October). Interdisciplinary Roles in Behavioral Health Intervention in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: A Call to Action. Special Symposia at American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 100th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Agtarap, S.,** Peckham, M., & Lundstern, M. (2023, February). Understanding event centrality following moderate-severe TBI: A pilot study with mixed methods data. Poster accepted to the 2023 Rehabilitation Psychology Mid-Winter Conference, Austin, TX.
- Vargas, T.A., Klyce, D.W., Marwitz, J.H., Perera, R.A., Abbasi, K.A., Bergquist, T.F., Neumann, D.M., **Agtarap, S.D.,** Lengenfelder, J., Hammond, F.M., Dreer, L.E., & Perrin, P.B. (2023, February). Resilience among traumatic brain injury caregivers 6 months after injury. Poster accepted to the 2023 Rehabilitation Psychology Mid-Winter Conference, Austin, TX.
- Peckham, M., Cruz, S., Jaross, M., **Agtarap, S.,** (2022, November). Social support relating to posttraumatic growth after moderate-severe traumatic brain injury: A mixed methods study. Poster accepted for presentation at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 99th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

April 2023- Nov 2024	Instructor, Craig Academy Clinical – Interdisciplinary, Craig Hospital Course: Research Skills 101 (4-session series)
Jan. 2016- May 2017	Teaching Assistant/Instructor, University of North Texas Dept of Psychology <i>Course:</i> Experimental Methods Lab <i>Evaluation:</i> 4.1/5.0, Spring 2017 Overall SPOT
Aug. 2015- May 2016	Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology, University of North Texas <i>Course:</i> Experimental Methods Lecture <i>Evaluation:</i> 4.3/5.0, Spring 2016 Overall SPOT 3.9/5.0, Fall 2015 Overall SPOT