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# Member Spotlight: Rosalie Corona, Ph.D.

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## **What or Who inspired you to go into Child Development Research?**

I've always loved working with children. I was blessed to work with two developmentalists in my younger years: Drs. Patricia Greenfield and Marian Sigman fueled my passion for the role of culture in development and children with diverse and unique needs.

## **Do you have a mentor or mentors who have been instrumental in your career and, if so, who and how?**

I will be forever grateful to the guidance counselor in college who told me that I could do whatever I wanted to do and who guided and supported me throughout my four years at UC Irvine. As a first-generation student, his mentorship and guidance were instrumental in getting me to where I am now. As a graduate

student, I was blessed with peer mentors in the Developmental Program at UCLA who supported my career goals while also keeping me grounded in the field of developmental psychology. As a clinical psychology student focused on working with children and youth, having a strong foundation in development is crucial for understanding youth symptoms and diagnoses. I have had many many mentors over the years and I am grateful to them all!

**What advice would you give to a Graduate student beginning their Ph.D. studies in Developmental Science or related?**

Find a conference buddy who can help you out of your comfort zone and who will always support you. Be open to new ideas and try new things. And, remember, being a graduate student is only 1 of your identities. Nourish your other identities as best as you can because it's the combination and intersection of them all that makes you who you are!

**What are some of your hobbies?**

I enjoy reading. Now that my children are older, I'm re-discovering my passion for reading for fun. It's especially fun to talk with my young adult daughters about the books we read. I also love to travel and take photographs.

**What publication or book would you say is a must-read in the field (and why)?**

Buchanan, N. T., Perez, M., Prinstein, M. J., & Thurston, I. B. (2021). Unpending racism in psychological science: Strategies to change how science is conducted, reported, reviewed, and disseminated. *American Psychologist*, 76(7), 1097.

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